

- 2) There will be a time limit of no more than *three* minutes per speaker.
- 3) Only one speaker will be recognized at any given time. Others must wait their turn.
- 4) Any applause shall be held until the end of the Public Forum.
- 5) Discussion of County personnel issues is limited to only those issues where satisfactory resolution has been pursued, but not achieved, through the chain of command ending with the County Manager.
- 6) Derogatory references to specific County staff, by name, are prohibited.

It should be understood that the Board allows the Public Forum in the interest of sharing information, which serves the common good.

Scotland County Board of Commissioners

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 5-11, 2014

WHEREAS, 4-H youth across the nation are leading efforts to solve problems in their communities and make a difference for their futures.

WHEREAS, 4-H is the largest youth development organization in North Carolina and the largest in the nation with six and one half million young people.

WHEREAS, 4-H in North Carolina claims 208,000 youth members and 21,000 volunteers, while Scotland County's 4-H program numbers approximately 605 members and more than thirty-three volunteers.

WHEREAS, 4-H as part of the NC Cooperative Extension System of NC State University and NC A&T State University is a program where youth learn through opportunities that provide them hands-on experiences in 4-H's mission mandates of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics; healthy living; and citizenship.

WHEREAS, 4-H has connected youth and their communities with the innovative research and resources from our nation's 106 land-grant universities and colleges for more than 100 years;

NOW, THEREFORE, I Guy McCook, Chairman of the Scotland County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 5-11, 2014, as National 4-H Week in Scotland County. I urge the people of this community to take advantage of the opportunity to become more aware of this special program that enhances our young people's interests in their futures as part of Scotland County 4-H Youth Development and to join us in recognizing the unique partnership between our county and our state University System.

Guy McCook, Chairman
Scotland County Board of Commissioners

Date



SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 1

 Information

 X Action Item

 Consent Agenda

Meeting Date October 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Public Hearing: 2015 Rural Operating Assistance Program

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

PUBLIC HEARING: Yes

CONTACT PERSON: EMS Director Roylin Hammond

PURPOSE: Hold Public Hearing on the proposed ROAP application

ATTACHMENTS: Public Hearing notice
Certified statement

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Hold Public Hearing and consider approval of the application process.

Public Hearing Notice

This is to inform the public of the opportunity to attend a public hearing on the proposed Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than October 24, 2014, by the county of Scotland. The public hearing will be held on Monday, October 6, 2014, at 7 p.m. at the Scotland County Board of Commissioners meeting in the A.B. Gibson Center located at 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC. Scotland County will provide auxiliary aids and services under the ADA for disabled persons who wish to participate in the hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Gracie Rettig, Transportation Coordinator, as soon as possible so that arrangements can be made.

The programs included in the Rural Operating Assistance Program application are:

1. Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance (EDTAP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of elderly and disabled citizens.
2. Employment Transportation Assistance Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons with employment related transportation needs.
3. Rural General Public (RGP) Program provides operating assistance for the public transportation of persons living in non-urban areas of the county.

The period of performance for Rural Operating Assistance Program funds is July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015. The FY2015 ROAP individual program totals are:

PROGRAM	TOTAL
EDTAP	57,331
EMPL	20,603
RGP	55,791
TOTAL	133,725

This application may be inspected at the Scotland County Transportation Office located at 1403C West Boulevard, Laurinburg, NC, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments should be directed to Gracie Rettig, Transportation Coordinator, 1403C West Boulevard, Laurinburg, NC, before 4:00 p.m. Monday, October 6, 2014.

CERTIFIED STATEMENT
FY2015
RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
County of Scotland

WHEREAS, the state-funded, formula-based Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division provides funding for the operating cost of passenger trips for counties within the state;

WHEREAS, the county uses the most recent transportation plans (i.e. CTSP, CTIP, LCP) available and other public involvement strategies to learn about the transportation needs of agencies and individuals in the county before determining the sub-allocation of these ROAP funds;

WHEREAS, the county government or regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 25 or Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes (upon written agreement with the municipalities or counties served) are the only eligible recipients of Rural Operating Assistance Program funds which are allocated to the counties based on a formula as described in the Program Guidelines included in the ROAP State Management Plan. NCDOT will disburse the ROAP funds only to counties and eligible transportation authorities and not to any sub-recipients selected by the county;

WHEREAS, the county finance officer will be considered the county official accountable for the administration of the Rural Operating Assistance Program in the county, unless otherwise designated by the Board of County Commissioners;

WHEREAS, the passenger trips provided with ROAP funds must be accessible to individuals with disabilities and be provided without discrimination on the basis of national origin, creed, age, race or gender (FTA C 4702.1A, FTA C 4704.1, Americans with Disabilities Act 1990); and

WHEREAS, the period of performance for these funds will be July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 regardless of the date on which ROAP funds are disbursed to the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, by signing below, the duly authorized representatives of the County of Scotland North Carolina certify that the following statements are true and accurate:

- The county employed a documented methodology for sub-allocating ROAP funds that involved the participation of eligible agencies and citizens. Outreach efforts to include the participation of the elderly and individuals with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, minorities and low income persons in the county's sub-allocation decision have been documented.
- The county will advise any sub-recipients about the source of the ROAP funds, specific program requirements and restrictions, eligible program expenses and reporting requirements. The county will be responsible for invoicing any sub-recipients for unexpended ROAP funds as needed.
- The county will monitor ROAP funded services routinely to verify that ROAP funds are being spent on allowable activities and that the eligibility of service recipients is being properly documented. The county will maintain records of trips and services for five years that prove that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible transportation service on the billed date, by whatever conveyance at the specified cost.
- The county will be responsible for monitoring the safety, quality and cost of ROAP funded services and assures that any procurements by subrecipients for contracted services will follow state guidelines.
- The county will conduct regular evaluations of ROAP funded passenger trips provided throughout the period of performance.

- The county will only use the ROAP funds to provide trips when other funding sources are not available for the same purpose or the other funding sources for the same purpose have been completely exhausted.
- The county assures that the required matching funds for the FY2015 ROAP can be generated from fares and/or provided from local funds.
- The county will notify the Mobility Development Specialist assigned to the county if any ROAP funded services are discontinued before the end of the period of performance due to the lack of funding. No additional ROAP funds will be available.
- The county will provide an accounting of trips and expenditures in a semi-annual report and a final year-end report to NCDOT – Public Transportation Division or its designee.
- Any interest earned on the ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application. The County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.
- The county is applying for the following amounts of FY2015 Rural Operating Assistance Program funds:

State-Funded Rural Operating Assistance Program	Allocated	Requested
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)		
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)		
Rural General Public Program (RGP)		
TOTAL		

WITNESS my hand and county seal, this ____ day of _____, 20____.

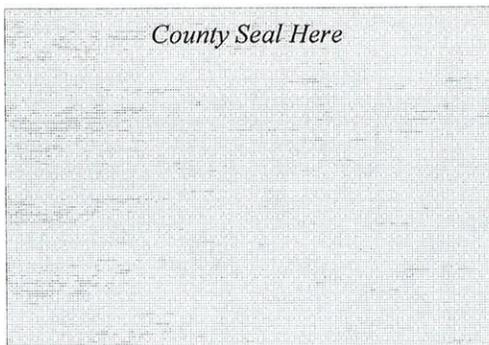
Signature of County Manager/Administrator

Signature of Board of County Commissioners Chairperson

Printed Name of County Manager/Administrator

Printed Name of Chairperson

State of North Carolina County of



Signature of County Finance Officer

Printed Name of County Finance Officer

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 2
 X Information
 Action Item
 Consent Agenda

Meeting Date October 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Scotland County Schools update

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Asst. Supt. of Auxiliary Services Larry Johnson

PURPOSE: Update on school activities and programs

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive report

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 3
 X Information
 Action Item
 Consent Agenda

Meeting Date October 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Transfer Station floor project

DEPARTMENT: Public Works

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Public Works Supervisor Bryant Higgins

PURPOSE: Provide information on Leak & Associates and discuss the contractor's qualification statement

ATTACHMENTS: Contractor's Qualification Statement

BACKGROUND: During the mid-year budget work sessions the need to resurface the transfer station floor was discussed.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive report and consider options

LEAK & ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED

Contractor's Qualification Statement

The undersigned certifies under oath that the information provided herein is true and sufficiently complete so as not to be misleading.

1. Organization:

1.1 Leak and Associates, Inc. was incorporated in the State of North Carolina on December 30, 1993 and has operated only under its present name.

1.2 The officers of the Company consist of:

John William Leak	President
Jean Griffin Leak	Secretary
Albert Bowers, Jr.	Vice President

2. Licensing:

2.1 Leak and Associates, Inc. is licensed in the following states:

North Carolina	33219
Limitation:	Unlimited
Classification:	Building; Highway; Public Utilities (Water & Sewer Lines)

South Carolina	15955
Limitation:	Group #3 Unlimited
Classification:	Building; Highway (Roads); Public Utilities (Water & Sewer Lines)

Virginia	2705 – 024201A
Limitation:	Class A
Classification:	Building; Heavy Highway

Georgia:	GCQA003046
Classification:	General Contractor

Tennessee:	00064790
Classification:	General Contractor

3. References:

3.1 Trade References:

DuBose Steel, Inc. of NC
P O Box 1098
Roseboro, NC 28382
910-525-4161

HD Supply
1651 Dickerson Blvd.
Monroe, NC 28110
704-289-3148

Cemex
101 Young Court
Greenville, SC 29615
866-539-9701

Neff Rental
P.O. Box 405138
Atlanta, GA 30384
843-667-6113

Bank References:

BB & T
512 Hayne Street
Monroe, NC 28112

Todd Price
704-289-7244

3.2 Surety:

3.2.1 Name of Bonding Company:
Travelers Casualty and Surety Company

3.2.2 Name and address of agent:
Thomas Rutherford, Inc.
P. O. Box 12748
Roanoke, VA 24028
Ray Garruto (704) 367-3466

4. Financial Statement: Available Upon Request

5. Signature:

5.1 By: 
Title: President

Transfer Stations

<u>Owners</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>
BFI	7
Allied Waste Industries	4
Republic Waste Services	1
Public	6
Waste Management	1
Waste Industries	<u>2</u>
Total	21

Transfer Station Repairs

<u>Owners</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>
Waste Management	11
BFI	2
Republic Waste Service	5
Waste Connection	1
Waste Industries	7
Tri County Solid Waste Authority	1
City of Spartanburg, SC	1
Lexington County, SC	1
McDowell County, NC	1
Randolph County, NC	1
Oconee County, SC	1
Hoke County, NC	1
County of Orangeburg, SC	1
Moore County, NC	1
Burke County, NC	1
Newberry County, SC	1
Montgomery County, VA	2
York County, SC	<u>1</u>
Total	40

COMPLETED PROJECTS

JOBS	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Browning-Ferris Industries: Yadkin County Transfer Station Design Build	Frank Gray, III, P.E.	770-640-2300
Browning-Ferris Industries: CMS Recyclery Addition	Frank Gray, III, P.E.	770-640-2300
Browning-Ferris Industries: Kinston Recyclery Expansion	John D. Barnard, P.E.	205-648-1000
Browning-Ferris Industries: Fluvanna Transcyclery	Frank Gray III, P.E.	770-271-3575
Browning-Ferris Industries: Northern Access Road	John D. Barnard, P.E.	704 -782-2004
Browning-Ferris Industries: C & D Landfill Phase I	John D. Barnard, P.E.	704-782-2004
Browning-Ferris Industries Sampson M.S.W. Landfill	John D. Barnard, P.E.	704-782-2004
Browning-Ferris Industries Athens Transfer Station Design – Build	John D. Barnard, P.E.	704-782-2004
Randolph County Transfer Station Design – Build	David Townsend, P.E.	910-318-6606
Allied Waste Industries Wilson Transfer Station	Brian Card, P.E.	803-802-6713
Browning-Ferris Industries Sampson Scale House Design – Build	John D. Barnard, P.E.	704-782-2004
Browning-Ferris Industries Culpeper Transfer Station Design – Build	Chris Gee	804-226-6198
Union County Transfer Station Design – Build	Mark Tye	704-296-4212
Browning-Ferris Industries Hickory-Ridge Transfer Station Design – Build	John D. Barnard, P.E.	709-782-2004
Browning-Ferris Industries Marshall County Transfer Station Design – Build	John D. Barnard, P.E.	205-648-1000
Browning-Ferris Industries Sampson Leachate Tank Farm	John D. Barnard, P.E.	205-648-1000

COMPLETED PROJECTS

JOBS	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Allied Waste Industries Lancaster Transfer Station Design – Build	Brian Card, P.E.	803-802-6713
Browning-Ferris Industries Smyrna Transfer Station Renovation	Frank Gray, III, P.E.	770-640-2300
Allied Waste Industries Truck Maintenance Up-Fit	Brian Card, P.E.	803-802-6713
City of Spartanburg Transfer Station Renovations	Don Worley, P.E.	803-583-6274
Conway Truck shop	Brian Card, P.E.	803-802-6713
Anson County Tank Farm	Brian Card, P.E.	803-802-6713
Queen City Transfer Station Renovation	John Murray, P.E.	828-464-2414
Anson County Maintenance Facility	Brian Card, P.E.	808-802-6713
Anson County Scale House	Brian Card, P.E.	803-802-6713
City of Asheboro Transfer Station	Bobby Kivett	336-626-1521
Fort Mill Transfer Station	Brian Card, P.E.	803-802-6713
Greer Transfer Station	Brian Card, P.E.	803-802-6713
Union Transfer Station	Bruce Richards	864-232-1556
Yadkin County Transfer Station Floor Repairs	Brian Card, P.E.	803-8002-6713
Fennell Container Co. Floor Replacement	Dave Bevacque	843-352-4751
Three Rivers Solid Waste Authority Solid Waste Processing Facility	Colin Covington	803-649-7981
Republic Industries Queen City Transfer Station Trench Drain Replacement	John Murray, P.E.	828-464-2414
Queen City Transfer Station Trench Drain Replacement	John Murray, P.E.	828-464-2414
Edgefield Transfer Station Floor Overlay	Tim Fox	803-275-5345
Fluvanna Transfer Station Floor Overlay	Brian Card, P.E.	803-802-6713
Richland Landfill Maintenance Facility	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
CCC Interior Renovations	Brian Card, P.E.	803-802-6713
Raleigh Transfer Station Floor Overlay	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328

COMPLETED PROJECTS

JOBS	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Lexington County Transfer Station Floor Overlay and Repair	Don Thomas	803-254-4400
Pendelton Transfer Station Floor Overlay and Repair	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
Bishop Road Transfer Station	Ray Hoffman, P.E.	826-464-2414 Ext. 307
Augusta Transfer Station	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
Randolph County Transfer Station Floor Overlay	David Townsend	910-318-6606
Asheville Transfer Station Floor Overlay, Push Wall Replacement	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
McDowell County Transfer Station	Mike Gladden	828-659-2521
Oconee County Transfer Station	Mr. Still	864-723-5519
Hoke County Transfer Station	Don Russell	910-875-3111
Florence, SC Transfer Station Floor Overlay, Push Wall Replacement, Trench Drain Modification	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
Gastonia, NC Transfer Station Floor Overlay, Push Wall Replacement	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
East Spencer, NC Transfer Station Push Wall Replacement, Metal Closure Plate Repairs	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
Sanford, NC Transfer Station Floor Overlay & Metal Wall Repairs	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
Siler City, NC Transfer Station Floor Repairs & Edge Repairs	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
County of Orangeburg, SC Floor Overlay, Trench Drain Modification, Push Wall Addition	Earl Whalen	803-533-6164
Moore County, NC Transfer Station Push Wall Replacement, Metal Closure Plate and Floor Overlay	Joe Reynolds	910-576-3697
Burke County, NC Transfer Station Floor Overlay	Carson Fisher, P.E.	828-439-4394
Raleigh, NC Transfer Station Scale Removal & Metal Wall Repairs	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
Sumter, SC Transfer Station Floor Overlay	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328

COMPLETED PROJECTS

JOBS	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
Republic Services of NC/Uwharrie Environmental Truck Scale Replacement (2)	Joe Reynolds	910-576-3697
MRSWA Scale Repair	Alan Cummins	540-381-2820
Newberry County Transfer Station Floor Overlay	Kyle Nash	803-321-2180
Republic Services – Conover MRF Renovations	Ray Hoffman, P.E.	828-695-2055
Republic Services – Uwharrie Transfer Station Floor Overlay & Leachate Pad	Ray Hoffman, P.E.	828-6952055
Waste Management – Raleigh Transfer Station Push Wall Repairs	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
Waste Connection – Queen City Transfer Station Floor Overlay & Trench Drain Repairs	Eddie Lewis	704-361-6024
Waste Industries – Newport MRF - Structural Concrete Repiar and Metal Angle Replacement	Keith Stroud	252-223-4176
Waste Industries – Dawson Transfer Station Floor Overlay and Push Wall Replacement	Mike Powell	229-888-5200
Waste Industries – Douglas Transfer Station Building Column Replacement, Rear Deflector Repairs, Design Build	Jerry Johnson	919-877-7583
Waste Management – Sanford Transfer Station Floor Overlay, Metal Edge Replacement	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
Waste Industries Fayetteville Transfer Station Design Build	Jerry Johnson	919-877-7583
Waste Industries Americus Transfer Station Design Build Renovations	Jerry Johnson	919-877-7583

COMPLETED PROJECTS

JOBS	CONTACT	PHONE NUMBER
York County Transfer Station Floor Renovation & Trench Drain Modification, Design Build	Eric Rekitt	803-628-3186
Waste Management – Siler City Transfer Station Floor Overlay, Metal Edge Replacement, Design Build	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
Waste Management – Sanford Transfer Station Building Column Replacement, Design Build	Mike Loyd	864-439-0328
Waste Industries – D & S Transfer Station Design Build	Jerry Johnson	919-877-7583
Waste Industries – Durham Transfer Station Pit Scale Installation, Design Build	Jerry Johnson	919-877-7583
Waste Industries – Halifax Transfer Station Floor Overlay, Design Build	Jerry Johnson	919-877-7583
Waste Industries – Washington Transfer Station Floor Overlay, Rear Deflector Plate Repairs, Pit Drainage Renovations, Metal Edge Replacement, Design Build	Jerry Johnson	919-877-7583
Pinewood Site Improvements Leachate Piping, Drainage, Misc. Excavation and Containment	Brian Williams	843-769-4449

KEY INDIVIDUALS

President

John W. Leak	
Graduate --	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill – 1977
1978 – 1986	Rea Construction Company – Project Manager
1986 – 1993	Crowder Construction Company – Project Manager
1993-Present	Leak and Associates, Inc.

General Superintendent/Vice President

Albert Bowers, Jr.	
1975 – 1992	Baxter Bowers Masonry Company
1992 – 1997	B & O Masonry
1997-Present	Leak and Associates, Inc.

Engineer/Project Manager

John D, Barnard, P.E.
Professional Registrations: Professional Engineer, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Graduate -	North Carolina State University – 1989	
1989-1990	S&ME	Staff Engineer
1990-1991	G N Richardson & Associates	Associate
1991-1995	Hazen & Sawyer, P.C.	Principal Engineer
1995-1999	BFI	
	Carolinas Construction Manager (1995-1996)	
	Regional Engineer (1996-1999)	
	District Vice President (1999)	
1999-2000	Allied Waste	Environmental Manager
2000-2001	Golder Associates	Senior Engineer
2001-2002	Waste Management, Inc.	District Manager
2002-2011	Eagle Engineering, Inc.	Operations Manager
2011-Present	Leak and Associates, Inc.	Engineer/Project Manager

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 4
 Information
 Action Item
 Consent Agenda

Meeting Date October 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Liaison Committee report

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Commissioners Bob Davis, Whit Gibson and Carol McCall

PURPOSE: Provide information on the September 16 meeting

ATTACHMENTS: Talking points explaining the reason for the proposed formula
Proposed formula
State average current expense spent per student — all counties
Relative effort compared to Gates County

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive report

Scotland County spent an average of \$2,151 of Current Expense per Student in FY 2013

The State-Wide average of Current Expense was \$1,928 per student in 2013

This will reduce expenditures to ease the impact on local taxpayers

There is no correlation between expenditures and educational attainment

Largest challenges to educational attainment are not financial

No one challenges the value of teachers. Setting teacher salaries is a State policy

The State provides the primary funding source for public education

Counties provide facilities and supplemental funding to meet county needs

Counties cannot be expected to supplant all State cuts to public education

All local dollars come from local taxes

Mandated service expenses exceed revenues for those services for County and Schools

There are not enough funds to provide the level of services the County wants to provide

There are not enough funds to provide the level of services the Schools wants to provide

Liaison Committee
Response to Request for Starting Point for Discussion

Fiscal Year	County Funding for Current Expense	95% of 3 Year Average
2013-14	10,139,325	-
2014-15 - Current Year	10,614,325	-
2015-16 - Mediated 2% Increase	10,826,612	10,000,416
2016-17 - Modify budget to 95% of 3 year average	10,000,416	9,956,428
2017-18 - Modify budget to 95% of 3 year average	9,956,428	9,748,094
2018-19 - Maintain budget for one year	9,956,428	9,472,536
<u>2019-20</u> - Modify budget for increase/decrease, not to exceed 2%, based on current economic conditions, ADM, or County / School System needs	To Be Determined	-
<u>2020-21</u> - Modify budget for increase/decrease, not to exceed 2%, based on current economic conditions, ADM, or County / School System needs	To Be Determined	-

State Average Current Expense Spent per Student - All Counties	1,982.84
X Projected Number of Students for Scotland County Schools	6,069.00
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= Average Expense for Projected ADM	<u>12,033,855.96</u>
Revenues from Budget -- Adjusted for County Funding	11,602,969.00
+ State Revenue in Current Expense Fiscal Year 2013 -- Budget Amendment	
Expected -- Approximation of Preschool Funds for FY 2014 -- Considered Local	
Monies by Schools	1,356,829.00
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= Projected Revenue	<u>12,959,798.00</u>
Projected Revenue	12,959,798.00
- Average Expense for Projected ADM	12,033,855.96
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= Funding in excess of State Average Current Expenditure Spent	<u>925,942.04</u>
FY 2015-16 Funding	10,826,611.50
- Funding in excess of State Average Current Expenditure Spent	925,942.04
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= Potential Funding	<u>9,900,669.46</u>

Source: DPI Totals for FY 2013

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 5

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date: October 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

DEPARTMENT: Administration/Multiple

a) Approve minutes of the September 2, 2014, regular meeting and July 24, 2014 special meeting.

b) Approve Tax Department request for August 2014 to release of funds in the amount of \$764.31 and in the amount of \$20,101.05, make refunds in the amount of \$516.44 and discoveries in the amount of \$5,151.12.

c) Approve 2015 Board of Commissioners regular meeting schedule

d) Budget Amendments:

- 1) Parks and Recreation: Approve receipt of funds in the amount of \$3,893 for the Wagram Active Living Center, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars.
- 2) Sheriff: Approve receipt of \$7,562, which is the net insurance payment for a wrecked vehicle.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Approve Consent Agenda

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
September 2, 2014, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC**

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
September 2, 2014, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC**

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Guy McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners John Cooley, Bob Davis and Whit Gibson. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioners John Alford and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman.

At 7 p.m. Chairman McCook called the meeting to order. Pastor Jonathan Jeffries of First United Methodist Church 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 September 2, 2014 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum

Mr. Rob Macy, Chair of the Scotland County Reentry Council, discussed the mission of the Council, which assists formerly incarcerated individuals find the resources they need for a successful return to their communities. Mr. Macy said the Council is active and engaged. The Council looks at ways to better serve this population in order to employ them immediately.

Chairman McCook read a letter from Chamber Chairman Nick Sojka expressing the Chamber's gratitude for the efforts by the Commissioners and Economic Development Director Greg Icard in making possible the investment by Cascades. Chairman McCook, on behalf of the Commissioners, also thanked Mr. Icard for recruiting investment and jobs to the community.

911 Call Center Memorandum of Agreement

Mr. Patterson discussed changes made by the City of Laurinburg to the 911 Call Center Memorandum of Agreement before the City Council tentatively approved the document. Mr. Patterson said changes focused on the hiring of current dispatchers and included wording on mediation should there be a City and County dispute.

Mr. Patterson said the agreement breaks out the 911 contribution from the City at \$250,000 in years one through five and declining by \$25,000 in years six through 10 with a zero monetary contribution in fiscal year 2025 unless both governing bodies renegotiate the terms. The County Attorney also reviewed the agreement.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the City and the County on operation of the 911 Center. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Policy Committee report

Vice Chair McCall said the Policy Committee discussed the terms of an availability fee. Although there is no concrete plan yet, the committee would like some agreement from the Board to move forward on developing a fee for County solid waste. Vice Chair McCall said such a plan would work to sustain solid waste and the landfill and generate revenue needed for closure and post closure of the landfill.

Vice Chair McCall said the committee also discussed a processing fee for littering and illegal dumping. The fees would be diverted from the court system and remain with the County. Vice Chair McCall said a third item discussed was wording in an ordinance that would require all trash collected in Scotland County to remain in Scotland County.

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
September 2, 2014, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC**

Commissioner Gibson said the County currently pays for its solid waste program because it is not supporting itself. Commissioner Gibson said availability fees would support solid waste operations, which the County now supplements. Commissioner Gibson said a solid waste fee plan would support the service that already exists in Scotland County. Vice Chair McCall said the committee also discussed the possibility of private collection contracts.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall that the Policy Committee move forward with studying the concept of an availability fee plan. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to adopt the processing fee schedule for illegal dumping/littering for out of court options.

Discussion: Mr. Johnston suggested the fee schedule include an appeals process. Mr. Johnston said he would like to attend future Policy Committee meetings.

Vice Chair McCall amended the motion to allow the County Attorney to review the processing fee document and return with comments and adoption of the processing fee schedule at the October meeting. Commissioner Cooley seconded the amended motion. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda

- a) Approve minutes of the August 4, 2014, regular meeting and July 24, 2014 special meeting.
- b) Approve request from the Health Department to replace a Practical Nurse II position with a Registered Nurse position.
- c) Approve request by Health Department to hire an Environmental Health Registered Sanitarian position in place of a Registered Environmental Health Specialist.
- d) Approve Tax Department request for July 2014 to release of funds in the amount of \$83,577.06 and discoveries in the amount of \$1,699.42.
- e) Approve Resolution Organizing a Scotland County Local Emergency Planning Committee.

**RESOLUTION ORGANIZING SCOTLAND COUNTY
LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, Scotland County is prone to various types of emergencies and disasters, including hazardous materials, as set forth in the Scotland County Emergency Operations Plan; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statute §166A-19.15a sets forth responsibility of emergency management planning to each County Commission which in Scotland County is delegated to Scotland County Emergency Services per NCGS §166A-19.15b; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986 includes Title III: Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know, also known as EPCRA requires establishment of Local Emergency Planning Committees for coordination of hazardous materials planning; and

WHEREAS, EPCRA also requires facilities containing certain hazardous materials called Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS) to report annually related information concerning said hazardous materials, otherwise known as Tier II information; and

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WHEREAS, EPCRA sets forth local emergency planning commissions to be the repository of Tier II reports and the provider of information for citizens requesting information; and

WHEREAS, communities who have planned and coordinated their emergency plans and response prior to events have shown to be better prepared for such events;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland, North Carolina that:

SECTION 1. Scotland County Emergency Services is authorized to organize a Local Emergency Planning Committee for Scotland County to include partners as set forth by SARA of 1986.

SECTION 2. Upon initiating the LEPC adopt bylaws for said committee.

Adopted this 2nd day of September, 2014

f) Budget Amendments:

- 1) DSS: Approve receipt of additional funds in the amount of \$19,092 two Crisis Intervention, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall 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 reappoint Ms. Annie Cureton, Mr. Roylin Hammond and Mr. Brookes Baines to three-year terms on the Adult Care Home Community Advisory Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to appoint Ms. Carol Butler to a one-year term on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to reappoint Ms. Jan Schmidt, Mr. Rodney McCarter, Mr. Brent Plyler and Mr. Duke Williams to three-year terms on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to appoint Mr. Marcus Norton to an unexpired term on the Historic Properties Commission. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

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

County Manager Report

Mr. Patterson said the Zaccheaus contract ends in September and the firm will continue providing the foreclosure service month to month while the County determines if there is sufficient interest from local attorneys to take on foreclosures as part of their practice or as a consortium. Mr. Patterson said if there is a significant interest he would begin an RFQ process.

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The Board of Commissioners by consensus agreed the County Manager should move forward with the foreclosure inquiry among local attorneys.

Mr. Patterson reminded the Commissioners of the September 19 deadline for submitting legislative goals to NCACC. Mr. Patterson reviewed some potential legislative goals: payment in lieu of taxes for game lands purchased by the State; local sales tax authority, Medicaid reform, do no harm to counties and restore funding for libraries.

Mr. Patterson said it was recently learned there is a time capsule behind the bronze plaque in the Courthouse.

The County Manager said GoldenLeaf introduced its community-based grants initiative for a 10-County region for projects that could have a significant impact and are ready for implementation. Each County may apply for one to three grants totaling no more than \$1.5 million that advance workforce development, education, health care and agriculture. A 20 percent match is required. Economic distress will be taken into account in awarding grants.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Davis asked about J. Davis Enterprise and the \$14,000 owed to the landfill. The Commissioners discussed pursuing this through the legal system or filing a judgment against them.

The Commissioners by consensus agreed the County Attorney work on the J. Davis Enterprise issue and report back at the next meeting.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis 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 and Closed Session in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney and Closed Session in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to pay Economic Development Director Greg Icard a one-time bonus of \$10,000 gross. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook
Chairman



County of Scotland

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September 2, 2014

Beth Hobbs
Finance Officer Scotland County

Re: Release, Refund and Discoveries for August 2014

Dear Ms. Hobbs,

Please find attached releases, refunds and discoveries for the month of August 2014.

The grand totals are as follows:

1. Releases less than \$100 – Totaling: \$764.31;
2. Releases more than \$100 – Totaling: \$20,101.05;
3. Refunds less than \$100 – Totaling: none to report. All others were due to overpayment;
4. Refunds more than \$100 – Totaling: \$516.44; All others were due to overpayment; and,
5. Discoveries – Totaling: \$5,151.12.

With best regards,

Marty Pate
Scotland County Tax Collector

Enclosure

RELEASES LESS THAN \$100

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
Jason Dial	2014-16627	\$80.57	clerical error/zoning
Surburban Propane LP	2014-9463	\$ 7.13	rel fire tax, located Gibson
Surburban Propane LP	2014-11546	\$ 1.35	rel fire tax, located City of Lbg
Tony & Leon Reynolds	2012-18602	\$22.66	swmh torn down /repl w/mod
Graybar Financial Services	2014-7671	\$88.50	acct closed 5/2/2013
Aubrey McCormick	2014-10802	\$66.85	allowed deferred tax/PUV
Furniture Services	2014-6717	\$17.81	out of business 10/01/2012
Conterra Ultra Broadband	2014-23962	\$75.50	dlb billing
Cliff & Dolly Farm	2014-3923	\$51.84	p/p sold prior to Jan 1.
Scotland Co Foreclosure	2014-22080	\$47.04	exempt property
Scotland Co Foreclosure	2014-21763	\$29.41	exempt property
Scotland Co Foreclosure	2014-23835	\$47.52	exempt property
Scotland Co Foreclosure	2014-23543	\$41.72	exempt property
Scotland Co Foreclosure	2014-9585	\$18.13	exempt property
George Glossner	2014-7344	\$19.73	dlb billed
Friendship Holy Bible	2014-6679	\$43.42	exempt property
Robert Wilkes	2014-23056	\$29.71	swmh dlb billed
Lee Brooks	2014-2179	\$27.01	dlb billed
Cecil Broughton	2014-2193	\$22.66	dlb billed
Michelle Willis	2014-23934	\$25.75	old swmh repl w/ new swmh

Total **\$764.31**

RELEASES MORE THAN \$100

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
David L McLamb Inc.	2014-4846	\$ 337.75	Rec'd amend return from acc't
Specialty Retailers /Goody	2014-200105	\$ 489.44	billed ACQ / should be APPR
Specialty Retailers/Goody	2014-20534	\$ 1,426.74	release to rebill w/penalty
Carl McLaren	2014-13092	\$ 524.35	foreclosed 2/5/14 in county name
Gulledge Aviation	2014-7886	\$ 945.00	per long term lease/ use rev. fact.
New Hope Bapt Church	2014-16000	\$12,998.09	exempt church property
Laurinburg City	2014-22497	\$ 218.15	exempt property
Lesa Powell Legan	2014-23919	\$ 136.86	dbl billed
Benny Timmons	2014-21823	\$ 544.24	released for elderly exemption
Ernest Gales	2000-7975	\$ 250.94	uncollectable /14 years old
Dara Davis	2001-7970	\$ 472.72	uncollectable /13 years old
James Lindsey	2011-2014	\$ 157.62	qualified disabled vet/exclusion
Christine Paul	2014-17209	\$ 440.97	qualified disabled vet/exclusion
Zarah Revels	2014-18421	\$ 373.17	qualified disabled vet/exclusion
Solomon Bridger	2014-2011	\$ 113.35	release to re-enter to inc fire
Willie Samuel	2014-200094	\$ 293.65	dlb keyed/billed
Luther Oxendine	2009-2013	\$ 378.01	clerical error/zoning

Total **\$20,101.05**

REFUNDS LESS THAN \$100

NAME	BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
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Total none to report

REFUNDS MORE THAN \$100

NAME	BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
David L McLamb Inc.	2014-4846	\$334.68	Rec'd amend return from acc't
William McNeill	2013-14492	\$181.76	Vanderbilt req./not a home bill

Total \$516.44

All others due to overpayment**DISCOVERIES**

NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
CCL Label Inc.	\$ 504.54	Business started in 2013 late filing
Surburban Propane LP	\$ 96.90	rel fire tax, billed Town of Gibson
Surburban Propane LP	\$ 75.00	rel City of Lbg, billed Town of Gibson
Brandon Jernigan	\$ 211.29	unlisted swmh
Jamie Jernigan	\$ 211.29	unlisted swmh
Specialty Retailers/Goody	\$1,839.09	rebill without penalty/listing lost in mail
Roosevelt McKoy	\$ 168.80	unlisted swmh
Augustus John Dorsey	\$ 532.01	rollback
Rosanna Cureton	\$1,099.75	no longer qualified for elderly exempt
Willie Samuel	\$ 293.65	no longer qualified for elderly exempt
Solomon Bridger	\$ 118.80	re-bill to include fire tax
Total	<u>\$5,151.12</u>	



2015 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule

**January 5, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
(meeting as the Water Districts Board)**

January 5, 2015

February 2, 2015

March 2, 2015

April 6, 2015

May 4, 2015

**June 1, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.
(meeting as the Water Districts Board)**

June 1, 2015

July 6, 2015

August 3, 2015

September 8, 2015 (Tuesday)

October 5, 2015

November 2, 2015

December 7, 2015

NOTE: Meetings are scheduled for the first Monday of the month with the exception of September.

All regular meetings begin at 7 p.m. in the A.B. Gibson Center Board Room, 322 S. Main Street, Laurinburg. Water Board meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. in January and in June.

SCOTLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

Scotland Place ☎ P.O. Box 1668 ☎ Laurinburg, NC 28353 ☎ Telephone 910-277-2585 ☎ Fax 910-610-1586

September 10, 2014

Memorandum

To: Kevin Patterson, County Manager
From: Shannon Newton, P&R Director *SN*
Re: Senior Center Funding - Wagram Recreation Center

During the budget process, you discussed with the County Commissioners that Wagram Recreation Center (WRC) may receive funding from the NC General Assembly for Senior Center operations.

Wagram Recreation Center has been designated a Multi-Purpose Senior Center by the NC Division of Aging. This designation allows for additional funds as well as increased programming at WRC.

Parks and Recreation has received notification that we will receive \$3,893 for Wagram Active Living Center, which is what we are calling the senior programs being held at the Wagram Recreation Center. There is a 25% match, which will come from the cost of existing staff at WRC.

We are requesting that the Commissioners approve an increase both in revenues and expenditures in the amount of \$3,893 and allow the Finance Officer to make necessary adjustments to the budget. This will not require any additional County funds.

Pc: Lakisha Williams, Recreation Supervisor
Wagram Recreation Center

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 6
X Information
 Action Item
 Consent Agenda

Meeting Date October 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Quarterly financial update

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Deputy Finance Officer Beth Hobbs

PURPOSE: Provide update on revenues, expenditures and fund balance

ATTACHMENTS: Fund Balance as of June 30, 2014
Budget Projections as of September 25, 2014

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive report

**SCOTLAND COUNTY
GENERAL FUND
FUND BALANCE REPORT
As of June 30, 2014**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2013		\$ 6,770,596
<i>Nonspendable</i>	-	
<i>Restricted</i>	1,680,707	
<i>Unassigned</i>	5,089,889	
 REVENUES		 \$ 38,612,568
 EXPENDITURES		 \$ 35,825,093
 TRANSFERS		 \$ -
 GENERAL FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2014 (Preliminary)		 \$ 9,558,071

FUND BALANCE ANALYSIS

FY 2013

<u>Fund Balance (Unassigned)</u>	=	<u>5,089,889</u>	=	13.92%
Total Fund Expenditures		36,553,002		

FY 2014 - LGC Criteria - Projected

<u>Fund Balance (Unassigned)</u>	=	<u>6,421,704</u>	=	17.93%
General Fund Expenditures		35,825,093		

Projected Total Fund Balance	9,558,071
Receivables	1,881,455
Payables	420,683
Additional Capital	198,000.00
Additional Current Expense	475,000.00
Prepaid Expense	3,228.00

**SCOTLAND COUNTY
BUDGET PROJECTIONS
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
AS OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2014**

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL 9/25/2014	%	EXPLANATION	
REVENUES						Includes first quarter expenditures. However, September payroll and revenues not recorded as of 09/25/13 are not reflected.	
<i>Type:</i>							
Property Tax	20,590,258	-	20,590,258	10,652,524	51.74%		MV Tax & Tag Collections + Discounted Property Taxes Collected
Local Option Sales Tax	5,201,656	-	5,201,656	522,110	10.04%		Sales Tax Distributions are 2 months in arrears
Franchise Tax	90,000	-	90,000	-	0.00%		Franchise Tax Distributions are 2 months in arrears
Unrestricted Revenues	90,000	-	90,000	-	0.00%		Beer & Wine Taxes distributed annually & ABC Profits distributed quarterly
Restricted Revenues	10,290,717	118,811	10,409,528	67,761	0.65%		
Permits and Fees	304,690	-	304,690	61,693	20.25%		
Sales and Services	1,329,205	13,000	1,342,205	322,121	24.00%		
Investment Earnings	10,650	-	10,650	448	4.20%		Low interest rates
Fines and Forfeitures	275,000	-	275,000	32,532	11.83%		
Miscellaneous	398,912	-	398,912	42,728	10.71%		
Total Revenues	38,581,088	131,811	38,712,899	11,701,916	30.23%		
EXPENDITURES							
<i>Department:</i>							
Governing Body	66,193	-	66,193	21,409	32.34%		
Administration	688,486	-	688,486	82,296	11.95%		
Revaluation	75,000	-	75,000	-	0.00%	Revaluation transfer entry has not been made	
Board of Elections	194,029	-	194,029	32,098	16.54%		
Tax	864,411	-	864,411	101,866	11.78%		
Legal	39,125	-	39,125	23,841	60.94%	Billed based on services provided	
Register of Deeds	240,804	-	240,804	31,315	13.00%		
Court Facilities	-	-	-	-	0.00%	Requests funds as needed	
Sheriff	2,828,320	-	2,828,320	516,646	18.27%	Vehicles purchased	
Jail	1,826,092	-	1,826,092	265,488	14.54%		
Drug	10,000	-	10,000	700	7.00%	Funds are disbursed as request by sheriff	
EMS	1,941,488	-	1,941,488	219,022	11.28%	Vacant positions	
911 Center	494,203	-	494,203	1,414	0.29%		
Rescue Squad	28,525	-	28,525	-	0.00%	Expenditures usually paid in June	
Medical Examiner	30,000	-	30,000	5,050	16.83%	Billed based on services provided	
Forestry	99,896	-	99,896	7,336	7.34%	Only 1 month has been requested	
Transportation	544,501	-	544,501	65,496	12.03%		
Inspections	311,588	-	311,588	36,625	11.75%		
Planning & Zoning	3,090	-	3,090	145	4.69%		
General Services	453,560	-	453,560	263,966	58.20%	Insurance paid for whole year	
Information Technology	268,132	-	268,132	18,670	6.96%	Purchases are made as needed by IT	
Public Buildings	1,343,308	-	1,343,308	187,443	13.95%	Vacant positions	
Co-Op Extension	150,308	-	150,308	17,584	11.70%		
Soil & Water	70,930	-	70,930	8,112	11.44%		
Parks & Rec	707,146	13,000	720,146	121,988	16.94%		
Library	428,375	-	428,375	76,582	17.88%	Building book collections as needed	
Health	2,760,954	-	2,760,954	400,599	14.51%	Vacant positions	
DSS	8,649,220	118,811	8,768,031	1,143,991	13.05%	Vacant positions	
Veterans Services	51,289	-	51,289	6,302	12.29%		
RCC	298,199	-	298,199	74,550	25.00%		
Debt Services	-	-	-	-	0.00%		
Lumber River COG	26,189	-	26,189	26,189	100.00%	Dues paid for the year	
SEDC	3,960	-	3,960	3,254	82.17%	Dues paid for the year	
Industry Incentives	72,500	-	72,500	-	0.00%	Paid as incentive agreements are met	
Scots for Youth / JCPC	200,000	-	200,000	37,867	18.93%		
Humane Society	120,000	-	120,000	31,858	26.55%		
Mental Health	79,420	-	79,420	19,278	24.27%		
Schools	12,611,847	-	12,611,847	3,174,933	25.17%	Increase in funding per mediation	
Total Expenditures	38,581,088	131,811	38,712,899	7,023,913	18.14%		
Revenues over Expenditures				4,678,003			

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 7

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date October 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Policy Committee report

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Vice Chair Carol McCall

PURPOSE: Provide update on out of court processing fees for littering, availability fee discussions and personnel policy regarding retirees who wish to be re-hired

ATTACHMENTS: September 29 Policy Committee draft minutes
Amended document on processing fees document

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Consider action on out of court processing fees for illegal dumping/littering/non-permitted County facilities/private property

Policy Committee meeting September 29, 2014
507 West Covington Street, Laurinburg, NC

Present were Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners John Alford and Whit Gibson. Staff present were County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann Kurtzman. Also present were Finance Officer Beth Hobbs, Public Works Supervisor Bryant Higgins, Tax Administrator Mary Helen Norton, Solid Waste Enforcement Officer J.R. Horne and Human Resources Manager Susan Butler.

At 10 a.m. Chair McCall called the Policy Committee meeting to order. Commissioner Gibson offered a prayer. The August 26 meeting minutes were unanimously approved with the addition of “annually” to the third paragraph.

Processing fee for littering and appeal options

Mr. Johnston said upon further study an appeal process is not necessary since the individual who does not pay the fee could go to court for the opportunity to be heard, or the individual is given a period of time to provide written notice of appeal. The Policy Committee would determine where the appeal would go.

Mr. Horne said the local ordinance includes an appeals process that might be tied to the processing fees document. Mr. Horne said there is no fine attached to the first offense. After some discussion the Committee agreed not to insert an appeal process and consider inserting an appeals process later if necessary since situations can work themselves out with the Solid Waste Enforcement Officer. The Committee did agree to include instances of dumping on private property in addition to roadsides. Mr. Horne suggested use of the term non-permitted, which would be an unlicensed site and would apply to any non-approved County disposal site, including but not limited to disposal on private property. The Committee agreed to use “non-compliance” in place of “violation.”

Continued discussions on availability fees

County Manager Patterson said a universal \$55 would take the County to break even plus fund the \$3 million closure/post closure costs in 15 years at the current collection rate. The fee would include all improved parcels, churches, daycares, industry and senior citizens. Mr. Patterson asked what type of properties the fee would go against. Would it only be habitable structures, and what is habitable? Commissioner Alford suggested if you generate trash, you pay for it. Commissioner Gibson said he would rather not settle on a dollar figure if six months from now there would be a different dollar amount. He suggested that the County first pursue talks to contract waste disposal with a private company. The Committee in general discussed what properties would qualify for a fee, including churches, daycare, multi-unit complexes. A contract with a private company would determine the fee structure as talks evolve.

Commissioner Alford said if those who produce a large amount of trash don't pay it would shift a greater burden to smaller properties to pay more. Mr. Patterson said other counties did not differentiate between business and residential.

Occupancy also was a subject for discussion and whether a fee would be attached to an unoccupied business or home. There were questions about assisted living facilities, group homes and hotels. The Committee directed Ms. Norton to contact Richmond and Robeson counties and possibly other counties to find how fees are structured and on what properties. Mr. Patterson will seek input from the School of Government and NCACC.

Chair McCall said there would have to be some discretion exercised given the subjectivity of the discussion. Chair McCall suggested a private solid waste hauling company might have a fee structure available. Chair McCall said gathering this information might take time beyond the next fiscal year.

Mr. Patterson suggested initiating a stabilization fee for the upcoming tax year so solid waste does not continue to lose funds. Chair McCall said a stabilization fee would at least stop the bleeding and get some of the bugs worked out.

Other business

Mr. Patterson briefly discussed a quality assurance process the Tax Office is using in response to those who say they didn't get their tax bill. Mr. Patterson said the process is designed to monitor the billing, identify billing errors that should have been caught and measure improvement.

Return-to-work policy discussion

Human Resources Manager Susan Butler presented two scenarios:

An employee retired with 20+ years of service and met the qualifications for full and continuing retiree health and life insurance benefits for the duration of their retirement wishes to return to work full-time and retire again after working additional years of service. Would the retiree be considered a "new-hire" and, upon the second retirement, fall under the new policy for retiree health coverage adopted for all new employees hired after 1/1/2012? The retiree would like retirement to be stopped (or suspended) and have the previous years of service credited and be allowed to re-retire at a later date with continued health and life benefits remaining the same as before the re-employment.

The second scenario involves another retiree who has asked the same question, but this retiree retired under the disability provisions of the retirement system. The retiree was approved based on medical information as permanently disabled. The retiree asked that if their physician releases them to return to work full-time without restrictions, and the same or similar position was available, would they be allowed to re-retire and be credited with prior coverage to qualify them for full and continuing retiree benefits once they have completed 15 years of service. This retiree's hire date is 2008 so the health benefits would cease at age 65.

Ms. Butler said if a retiree came back as policy is now the retiree would be considered a new hire. Commissioner Gibson said out of fairness to the person who retired, that person earned the benefit, wants to come back but would be punished for the years of work served and experience gained. Commissioner Gibson said the County would postpone paying the benefit or pay for

whoever was hired. Commissioner Gibson suggested rather than penalize the worker and the County out of the better qualified candidate, he would suggest allowing the retiree to maintain the original hire date. Mr. Johnston said the worker already earned the vesting requirement, and that should be considered.

Commissioner Gibson said wording in the policy would state that a rehire would maintain the original hiring date if he/she is already vested within the system and would maintain the benefits in which they are already vested.

Mr. Patterson suggested a caveat be included for retirees currently receiving vested benefit if the retiree is re-hired in an essential position with specific skill set.

Ms. Butler will draft a policy for consideration at the next Policy Committee meeting.

The Policy Committee agreed that in the second scenario a retiree established as disabled would not be considered for re-hire at all.

The Committee will meet again once Mr. Patterson and Ms. Norton have gathered the requested information for availability fees.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Scotland County Out of Court Processing Fees for Illegal Dumping/Littering/ Non-Permitted County Facilities/Private Property

Improper Storage

1st Offense: Notice of non-compliance with information of Ordinance
2nd Offense: \$50 fee
3rd Offense: \$150 fee
Subsequent Offenses: \$500 or Court

Open/Illegal Burning of Solid Waste

1st Offense: Notice of non-compliance with information of Ordinance
2nd Offense: \$100 fee
3rd Offense: \$200 fee
Subsequent Offenses: \$500 or Court

Improper Transportation of Solid Waste (loads not secure)

1st Offense: Notice of non-compliance with information of Ordinance
2nd Offense: \$25 fee
3rd Offense: \$75 fee
Subsequent Offenses: \$200 or Court

Illegal Dumping/Littering

(Special handling fee for each occurrence)

Under 500 pounds

Litter up to 1 bag

1st Offense: \$50 fee
2nd Offense: \$150 fee
3rd and Subsequent Offenses: \$500 fee

Litter up to 2 to 5 bags

1st Offense: \$150 fee
2nd Offense: \$300 fee
3rd and Subsequent Offenses: \$750 fee

Litter more than 5 bags

1st Offense: \$500 fee

2nd Offense: \$750 fee

3rd and Subsequent Offenses: \$1,000 fee

More than 500 pounds

Non-business: \$1,000 fee

Business: \$2,500 fee

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 8

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date: October 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Update from the County Manager

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: County Manager Kevin Patterson

PURPOSE: Provide monthly update on County business and activities.

ATTACHMENTS: Monthly report
Fascia bid tabulation
Foreclosed properties list
ABC Board capital needs
Moody's report
Surry, Gates, Moore, Graham and Polk counties resolutions

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive report and take any action necessary on other items.



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October 1, 2014

To: Board of Commissioners

From: Kevin Patterson, County Manager

Re: Monthly report

Complex fascia project – We had the second bid opening for the Complex fascia project. There were two bidders. The low bid was \$86,380. The budget for this project is \$60,000. We budgeted \$24,500 for the asbestos removal in the Monarch building. If the Board approves this contract the amount

remove the asbestos from the Monarch building.

er and they have agreed to perform the work for \$84,500. This means we would not be able to
ove the asbestos from the Monarch building.

ommend approving the low bidder, KKJGC, Inc.

eclosed Properties – Attached is a list of properties that have been foreclosed for property taxes. I
requesting that these properties be authorized to be sold at public auction. With the final list I will
k to bring a recommended auction company for consideration to the November Board meeting. I
recommend the Board add the Monarch building to this list. We will work with the auction
pany to advertise the sale. This would put the sale no sooner than February.

ommend approval of disposal of listed properties including the Monarch Building

eclosed property request from person with prior financial interest – I have received a request from
individual requesting the ability to repurchase property the County has foreclosed on. The total
ount the County has invested in the property is \$1,601.78. As the individual had a prior financial
rest in the property the Board can sell the property to this individual without an upset bid process.
Board is not required to sell the property to the individual. The request is for the Board to accept
ments in the amount of \$200 per month until the total amount is paid. If the Board is interested in
wing the individual to purchase the property, I would advise against accepting installment payment.
ould recommend the Board require full payment at closing but schedule closing not to exceed a
ain date determined by the Board.

Board Consideration

Register of Deeds Budget – There was an error in processing the budget for Register of Deeds. The Board approved continuing the back scanning project for the Register of Deeds office. The amount was set at \$15,000. At some point in the process the amount was removed. There was also \$6,000 in last year's budget available for the upgrade of the fee station and computers in the Register's office. This project was not completed before the all purchase orders were closed in the end of the fiscal year. I request that the \$21,000 be added to the Register of Deeds budget.

Recommend appropriate \$21,000 for the Register of Deeds office

ABC Store – The ABC store needs renovations, including a new roof. Last year the ABC store contributed \$80,000 in profit to the County. By law they are required to contribute their profits to the County. They are requesting the County use these profits over the next two years for a series of repairs and renovations to the store. The first of these items would be a new roof and computer system. The total repairs and renovations care estimated at \$117,381. The ABC Board is asking that the County handle the contracting.

Consider appropriating funds for repairs & renovations for the ABC Store

Gas station on Main and Church St – The City has an estimate of \$25,000 to remove the gas tanks. The City is seeking a three way split of the removal costs between the City, Schools and County of \$7,500 each. This amount is not in the budget and would have to be appropriated. LDRC will purchase the property, when the bankruptcy case is settled for approximately \$4,000. The City will demolish the building with their labor. The City is asking that we waive the tipping fees for the C&D material of the building. Currently we waive the tipping fee of one demolition per month of a residential structure. We have not waived the fee for a commercial structure. For this to happen I ask that the Board approve this specific occurrence and not create a policy.

Consider authorizing waiver of tipping fee for the building and funding \$7,500 for tank removal.

Bond Rating – Beth Hobbs and I participated in the bond rating call with Moody's for the outstanding school bonds. The report was published on September 30. The bonds were downgraded from A1 Negative Outlook to A2. The primary reasons for the downgrade were the financial weakness in the enterprise funds and the local economy. In the follow up conference call with Moody's discussing the rating, the majority of time was spent discussing the unemployment rate and poverty rate in Scotland County as compared to State and National Averages. We had a rating call several months ago with Standard & Poor and improved from A Negative Outlook to A Positive Outlook. Bond ratings are not a credit score. They do directly impact the secondary bond market, buying and selling bonds. The County's bond ratings will impact the underwriting costs of future bond issuances. Since we have no plans to issue new bonds, we will have new bond ratings before we issue new bonds.



Bid Tabulation

September 25, 2014

Scotland County DSS & Health Department Fascia Renovation

Owner: Scotland County

General Contractor	Addenda 1&2	Required Forms	Bid Security	Base Bid	Alt. G-1
Chavis, Inc.				NO BID	
Hayes, Inc.				NO BID	
KKJGC, Inc.	✓	✓	✓	\$86,380.00	\$2,000.00
Peele Construction Co. Inc.				NO BID	
Player, Inc.				NO BID	
Precision Contractors Inc.	✓	✓	✓	\$107,000.00	\$2,500.00
Thames Construction Company				NO BID	
Whitehead Enterprises, Inc.				NO BID	

I certify that the bids represented herein (with exceptions noted) were properly submitted in accordance with requirements of the General Statutes of North Carolina, G.S. 143-131.

Apparent responsive low bidder is in bold.

Gordon E. Johnson, AIA, LEED AP

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SCOTLAND COUNTY

ABSTRACT NUMBER TAXPAYER NAME	PARCEL NUMBER	ACCOUNT NUMBER	EXEMPT CODE	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	PERSONAL VALUE	DEFERRED VALUE	REAL VALUE
2015 19317 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0032- -06-037-	8103143	2	FIL STAT HWY 15A/SIPKA 1.000 LT	0	0	19,610
2015 19320 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0071- -01-029-	8103143	2	#29 PARKSIDE, II 1.000 LT	0	0	6,710
2015 19333 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0238- -04-032-	8103143	2	#32 STANLY RICHMOND 0.500 AC	0	0	5,500
2015 19318 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	02-0318- -01-010-	8103143	2	SALLIE M TURNER-BOB HARE 3.000 AC	0	0	2,860
2015 19319 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	04-0182- -16-035-	8103143	2	35, B1 E RICHMOND MILLS 2.000 LT	0	0	1,050
2015 19301 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0079- -03-009-	8103143	2	#8,9 B1 21 LINC HTS 2.000 LT	0	0	7,260
2015 19310 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	04-0163- -01-088-	8103143	2	PT J GIBSON TRT FROM NASS 3.900 AC	0	0	21,900
2015 19322 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0238- -04-031-	8103143	2	#31 STANLEY RICHMOND 0.500 AC	0	0	43,600
2015 19312 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0064- -06-045-	8103143	2	#45,46 BL H GLEN ACRES 1.000 LT	0	0	4,230
2015 19313 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0064- -06-043-	8103143	2	GLEN ACRES BL H #43,44 1.000 LT	0	0	3,530
2015 19295 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	03-0401- -19-032-	8103143	2	#32 NEWTOWN 1.000 LT	0	0	3,500
2015 19296 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	03-0410- -01-048-	8103143	2	LEROY HARRINGTON 5.000 AC	0	0	12,440
2015 19297 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	04-0181- -04-004-	8103143	2	#7, 8 B1 B PATE'S FIELD 2.000 LT	0	0	2,630
2015 19298 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0013- -30-010-	8103143	2	10 BL 30 CAROLINA PARK 1.000 LT	0	0	3,070
2015 19299 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0049- -02-025-	8103143	2	204 CENTER ST 1.000 LT	0	0	2,890
2015 19300 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0245- -01-015-	8103143	2	A COVINGTON CYPRUS POND 55.700 AC	0	0	143,700
2015 19305 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0044- -12-035-	8103143	2	#35 BL. B, COLLEGE PARK 1.000 LT	0	0	7,070
2015 19306 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0064- -03-029-	8103143	2	GLEN ACRES BL E #30 PT 29 1.000 LT	0	0	2,960
2015 19308 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0013-A-26-013-	8103143	2	#13 BL.26, CAR PK PHASE2 1.000 LT	0	0	23,380
2015 19292 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	04-0170- -03-007-	8103143	2	SR 1136 W K GIBSON 1.000 LT	0	0	27,700
2015 19316 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	04-0164- -01-086-	8103143	2	Z V PATE 1.200 AC	0	0	9,750

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2015 19293 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	03-0410- -01-043- 8103143	2	FROM ROY HARRINGTON 1.000 AC	0	0	5,500
2015 19311 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0049- -02-024- 8103143	2	206 CENTER ST 1.000 LT	0	0	2,890
2015 19314 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0224- -01-012- 8103143	2	PT REVELS #46 1.000 LT	0	0	8,070
2015 19323 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0238-A-01-023- 8103143	2	#23 FOX CROSSING 4.500 AC	0	0	24,750
2015 19324 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0207- -01-040- 8103143	2	#2 BLD LANGLEY PL NO 2 1.000 LT	0	0	5,500
2015 19325 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0030- -06-012- 8103143	2	325 GILL ST 1.000 LT	0	0	2,950
2015 19326 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0207- -01-048- 8103143	2	#10 BL D LANGLEY PL NO 2 1.000 LT	0	0	5,500
2015 19327 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	04-0170- -04-004- 8103143	2	GIBSON 1.000 LT	0	0	153,420
2015 19328 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	04-0198- -03-009- 8103143	2	#46 SEALS 1.000 LT	0	0	2,670
2015 19329 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0030- -06-013- 8103143	2	323 NORTH GILL STREET 1.000 LT	0	0	3,820
2015 19330 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0207- -01-057- 8103143	2	#49 BL C LANGLEY PL NO 2 1.000 LT	0	0	4,680
2015 19331 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0238-A-01-022- 8103143	2	#22 FOX CROSSING 9.300 AC	0	0	20,460
2015 19332 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0238-A-01-021- 8103143	2	LOT #21 FOX CROSSING 6.200 AC	0	0	13,640
2015 19302 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0250- -01-060- 8103143	2	#15 ANNE MCKINNON 1.000 LT	0	0	26,500
2015 19307 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	03-0401- -07-001- 8103143	2	ZR WOOLEY-304 MCKAY ST 1.000 LT	0	0	36,460
2015 19303 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0013- -40-013- 8103143	2	#13 O'BRIEN LAND 1.000 LT	0	0	1,760
2015 19309 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	01-0030- -07-009- 8103143	2	401 N GILL ST-MIDDLETON 1.000 LT	0	0	4,050
2015 19304 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	03-0402- -12-006- 8103143	2	#15 CRUMPTON SUB 1.000 LT	0	0	1,750
2015 19315 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	03-0402- -24-008- 8103143	2	#10 LOT F CRUMPTON 1.000 LT	0	0	2,800
2015 19294 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	03-0410- -01-043-01- 8103143	2	1.023 AC PT ROY HARRINGTON 1.023	0	0	4,400
2015 19321 SCOTLAND CO FORECLOSURE	03-0410- -01-120- 8103143	2	#9 TURNPIKE PK 1.100 AC	0	0	45,550

Scotland County ABC Store

Capital Needs - Listed in Priority Order

Item	Sub Item	Description and Explanation	Estimated Cost	Total
1		Roof repair - Current rubber membrane roof needs to be completely replaced and roof drains repaired	\$23,101.00	\$23,101.00
2		Remodel inside display and public area to increase efficiency, overall appearance, and security.	\$45,412.20	\$45,412.20
	a.	Exterior doors may need to be changed to accommodate a more efficient floor plan with additional shelf space with easier entry and exit		
	b.	Interior walls - Paint and upgrade signage		
	c.	Shelving - replace with more modern and efficient design		
	d.	Counter - remodel or replace to current code (existing is not handicapped accessible)		
3	.	Flooring - replace all	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00
4		Lighting - replace current 4' and 8' fluorescent lights store wide (including warehouse)	\$12,900.00	\$12,900.00
5		Add ceiling fans store wide	\$0.00	\$0.00
6		Repair ceiling water damage	\$0.00	\$0.00
7		Update security and alarm system	\$2,217.81	\$2,217.81
	a.	Add exterior cameras adjust existing		
	b.	Add in-store public monitor linked to cameras		
	c.	Under counter panic buttons		
8		Computer system upgrade - Replace existed hardware including addition of third checkout register, addition of touch screens, and handheld scanners for inventory	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
9		Parking lot update	\$2,250.00	\$2,250.00
	a.	Resurface and restripe	\$0.00	
10		Re-landscape to improve "curb appeal" and improve drainage	\$0.00	\$0.00
11		Replace existing exterior lighted sign with a more modern and more visible unit	\$0.00	\$0.00
	a.	Update handicapped parking and signage		
TOTAL AMOUNT				\$117,381.01

MOODY'S

INVESTORS SERVICE

Rating Update: Moody's downgrades Scotland County, NC's GO to A2; removes negative outlook

Global Credit Research - 30 Sep 2014

Rating affects \$13M in outstanding general obligation debt

SCOTLAND (COUNTY OF) NC
Counties
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Opinion

NEW YORK, September 30, 2014 --Moody's Investors Service has downgraded the rating on Scotland County's (NC) \$13 million outstanding general obligation debt to A2 from A1. The county's negative outlook has been removed. The bonds are secured by the county's unlimited tax pledge.

SUMMARY RATING RATIONALE

The A2 rating reflects below-average socioeconomic indices, a late 2013 audit by the North Carolina State and Local Government Commission (LGC) standards, and the county's continued struggles to make its enterprise funds self-sustainable. The rating also incorporates the moderately sized and growing tax base, improving financial performance and cash reserves, and a manageable debt profile with a slightly below-average amortization of debt payment.

STRENGTHS

- Continued increase in commercial activity
- Low debt burden
- North Carolina's LGC oversight

CHALLENGES

- History of underperforming enterprise funds and drawing on reserves to balance operations
- High unemployment and poverty levels
- Late FY2013 audit (by LGC standards)

DETAILED CREDIT DISCUSSION

MODERATELY SIZED TAX BASE WITH HIGH UNEMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY RATES

The county's \$2 billion tax base, located in south-central North Carolina (Aaa, stable) continues to show signs of weakness given its extraordinarily high unemployment (12.1% as of June 2014) and poverty (30.6%) levels, when compared to similar sized US counties. While the unemployment rate has come down over the past year, this was entirely due to a reduction in the county's labor force. This highlights the weaknesses currently present in the county's economy. In addition, the poverty rate remains almost double state and national averages of 16.8% and 14.9%, respectively, as of 2012. While management has effectively increased the tax rate over the last year, it is unclear how much more of a tax increase the residents of this county can absorb. Property tax collections, while stable, are only 92%, well below state-wide averages.

Positively, the county's rural tax base value is expected to remain stable given moderate growth and an increase in commercial activity. Despite the county's limited economy, full value has grown 1.3% over the past five years, including a 2.2% increase in 2013. County officials attribute the recent growth to moderately increased occupancy at the county's industrial park. New or expanding businesses will likely add over 160 new jobs over the next few years, which is a positive direction, but ultimately a minimal gain compared to the shrinking labor force.

IMPROVED FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE IN RECENT YEARS; FAR FROM HISTORICAL HIGHS

While the county's reserve levels have recently improved, reserves and liquidity remain well below state and national averages for similarly sized credits. Conservative revenue and expenditure budgeting along with increased property tax revenues have driven consecutive years of operating surpluses. The county's available fund balance and cash reserves as of fiscal 2013 of \$5.1 million (13.6% of revenues) and \$6.1 million (16.2% of revenues), respectively, have shown notable improvement over fiscal 2011 results of \$2.7 million (7.1% of revenues) and \$4.1 million (10.9% of revenues), respectively. Despite the progress, the recent performance is a stark contrast to the solid available fund balance and cash balances in 2008 of a \$10.1 million (24.9% of revenues) and \$10.9 million (27.1% of revenues).

Further, over the last few years, the LGC has acknowledged the improvement in the county's financial performance, but continues to raise concerns regarding its financial shortcomings including the underperforming enterprise funds, and the timeliness of fiscal year-end reporting. Though the county's Public Works Fund and Water District Funds have shown some improvement from fiscal 2012 to 2013, the Public Works Fund continues to have a negative net asset position (-\$1.6 million) and limited liquidity (\$170 cash on hand) at fiscal 2013 year-end. The Public Works Fund continues to receive transfers from the General Fund of \$99,569 and \$145,737 in fiscal 2013 and fiscal 2012, respectively. The Water District II Fund ended the last two fiscal years balanced due exclusively to transfers from the Water District I Fund of \$42,153 and \$49,927 in fiscal 2013 and 2012, respectively. The LGC required the county to develop a stabilization plan for the operations of its enterprise funds immediately as of April 2014. In response to the LGC's latest request, the county pledges to continue to strategically look for ways to enhance reserves, revenue streams and stabilize the enterprise funds while acknowledging its likeliness is slim in the short-run.

For fiscal 2014, officials estimate ending with a third consecutive year of surplus operations of about \$2 million. The fiscal 2015 budget is balanced with no appropriation of reserves or budgeted transfers from the General Fund to the troubled enterprise funds. Management continues to actively manage the General Fund budget. However, while operations show improvement in the General Fund, persistent weaknesses in enterprise funds continues to place negative pressure on the county. Future rating reviews will factor management's ability to actively manage the General Fund, including the rebuilding of reserves and liquidity, while establishing and enacting a plan to bring the enterprise funds into structural balance.

MINIMAL DEBT BURDEN WITH NO FUTURE DEBT ISSUANCE ANTICIPATED

Moody's expects the district's debt profile to remain very manageable given a low direct debt burden of 0.8% of full value, and a slightly below-average repayment of all tax-supported debt (68% within 10 years). The county has net direct debt outstanding of \$15.6 million, and its total debt burden remains below-average at 1.0% of full value. As of fiscal 2013, the county is well below the legal debt limit of \$147.6 million. Officials report no additional debt will be issued in the near term nor is the county party to derivatives or swaps.

The county participates in the North Carolina Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System, a multi-employer, defined benefit retirement plan sponsored by the State of North Carolina. The county also has its own Law Enforcement Separation Allowance systems. The 3-year average combined adjusted net pension liability, under Moody's methodology for adjusting reported pension data, is \$14.6 million or approximately an average 0.39 times Operating Fund revenues. Moody's uses the adjusted net pension liability to improve comparability of reported pension liabilities. The adjustments are not intended to replace the county's reported liability information, but to improve comparability with other rated entities. We determined the town's share of liability for the state-run plans in proportion to its contributions to the plans.

WHAT COULD MAKE THE RATING GO UP

- Successfully making enterprise funds self-sustainable
- Improvement of fund balance commensurate with higher rating categories
- Significant improvement in the socio-economic profile of the county

WHAT COULD MAKE THE RATING GO DOWN

- Declining financial position in line with lower rating categories
- Deterioration of the tax base

-Continued deficits of enterprise funds

KEY STATISTICS

Full Value, Fiscal 2013: \$2.0 billion

Full Value Per Capita, Fiscal 2013: \$56,536

Median Family Income as % of US Median (2012 American Community Survey): 56.4%

Fund Balance as % of Revenues, Fiscal 2013: 13.6%

5-Year Dollar Change in Fund Balance as % of Revenues: -45.70%

Cash Balance as % of Revenues, Fiscal 2013: 16.2%

5-Year Dollar Change in Cash Balance as % of Revenues: -40.20%

Institutional Framework: "Aaa"

5-Year Average Operating Revenues / Operating Expenditures: 0.98x

Net Direct Debt as % of Full Value: 0.80%

Net Direct Debt / Operating Revenues: 0.24x

3-Year Average ANPL as % of Full Value: 0.72%

3-Year Average ANPL / Operating Revenues: 0.39x

RATING METHODOLOGY

The principal methodology used in this rating was US Local Government General Obligation Debt published in January 2014. Please see the Credit Policy page on www.moody.com for a copy of this methodology.

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**RESOLUTION ON RESETTLING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INCLUDING
UNACCOMPANIED MINORS**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Surry County, North Carolina recognize their duty as law-abiding citizens to act in accordance with the U.S. Constitution and the North Carolina Constitution, and are endowed with rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which our government has been instituted to secure; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is failing to protect the borders of our country in accordance with Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 90,000 illegal alien minors will arrive in the United States during 2014 and an additional 145,000 illegal alien minors during 2015; and

WHEREAS, this country is a nation of immigrants, save a current minority, and in its earlier days, accepted individuals of any and every location, age, hue, combination and variety and has the most open accepting and liberal immigration laws of any nation; and

WHEREAS, that door of opportunity remains open for many of the poor, tired huddled masses, yearning to be free, the presence of so many, now totaling over 250 million, has caused a tightening of the requirements for entry, to preserve the quality of life, a lifestyle unequalled anywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, this country has never experienced this type of crisis before, as those having sought entry generally valued the integrity of the family and honored the protection of their own children; and

WHEREAS, the economic plight of countries sharing the continent have now allowed and encouraged minors to travel alone at great peril, preventing the American assimilation process founded upon principles of labor and education, and straining the already over-burdened facilities, employees, and funding of the naturalization community; and

WHEREAS, the President's implementation of DACA was the impetus that started the flow of minor children to the United States border as well as the Federal Government's refusal to enforce immigration law; and

WHEREAS, the influx of school-age minors will have an adverse effect on our local school district educational funding, resources, campus security, public health and safety infrastructure, as well as all county resources: and

WHEREAS, this forced emergency reveals its hyperbole in that now the illegal entrants run to the arm of the immigration officials, instead of trying to secret one's self: and

WHEREAS, this issue is not of Surry County's making, and is much larger than Surry County and Surry County does not have the excess resources necessary for relief.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Surry County Board of Commissioners, meeting in regular session, do hereby urge its government to uphold the laws of the land, cease any practices that would encourage minors and adults fleeing to this country for economic reasons, expand from contiguous jurisdictions immediate removal of any applicants while their case awaits a hearing, and refrain from any unaccompanied minors and adults in Surry County.

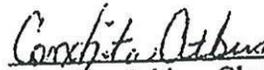
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we urge our US Senators to pass US House Representative Bill HR 5272 and HR 5230 that addresses this crisis in an appropriate and straight forward manner.

Adopted this the 2nd day of September, 2012



Eddie Harris, Chairman
Surry County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Conchita Atkins, Clerk to the Board



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**RESOLUTION ON RESETTLING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INCLUDING
UNACCOMPANIED MINORS FROM HONDURAS**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Surry County, North Carolina recognize their duty as law-abiding citizens to act in accordance with the U.S. Constitution and the North Carolina Constitution, and are endowed with rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, which our government has been instituted to secure; and

WHEREAS, human trafficking is one of the most shameful and egregious crimes of humanity, deceiving millions of men, women, and children around the world and forcing them into exploitative situations; and

WHEREAS, human traffickers exploit failures in immigration policy and border security of nations resulting in a \$31.6 Billion dollar global criminal enterprise funding transnational criminal organizations, drug cartels and terrorist crimes; and

WHEREAS, on August 4, 2014 White House and Administration officials identified Honduras as a source country for unaccompanied illegal children entering the United States by means of illegal smuggling and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the State Department has identified Honduras as a Tier 2 country where its citizens are subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor and has not fully complied with minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Honduras has failed to enforce Article 149 of its Penal Code and to enact proactive methods to protect all its citizens, thereby becoming a safe haven for transnational criminal organizations and drug cartels to operate, while importing over \$870 million dollars' worth of products into North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the federal government is failing to protect the borders of our country in accordance with Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the United States a known destination country in human trafficking, has failed to secure its sovereign borders, and thereby has become complicit in human trafficking in clear violation of the 13th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution, the U.S. Criminal Code Title 18 Chapter 77 Sections 1581, 1584, 1589, 1590, 1591, 1592, and Article 11 Section 1 of United Nation Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, which states, "Without prejudice to international commitments in relation to the free movement of people, States Parties shall strengthen, to the extent possible, such border controls as may be necessary to prevent and detect trafficking

in persons."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Surry County North Carolina Board of Commissioners does hereby call upon the Government of Honduras by Resolution on this the 2nd day of September, 2014 to enforce Article 149 of its Penal Code, to pass in accordance with the United Nations Protocols 1 and 2 against Transnational Organized Crime, comprehensive anti-trafficking laws prohibiting forced labor, increasing its government's investigation, prosecuting and convictions of human trafficking offenses including forced labor crimes and forced prostitution of adult victims, and to increase its local law enforcement resources to ensure the safety of its most vulnerable population.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the Honduran and United States Governments continue to willfully ignore human trafficking violations then the governing board of Surry County will call for a statewide boycott of all products which have the place of origin identified as Honduras, and upon so doing we shall strongly recommend the three thousand sixty-nine (3,069) counties within the United States to do likewise.

Adopted this the 2nd day of September, 2014



Eddie Harris, Chairman
Surry County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Conchita Atkins, Clerk to the Board



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COUNTY OF SURRY

**RESOLUTION ON RESETTLING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INCLUDING
UNACCOMPANIED MINORS FROM EL SALVADOR**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Surry County, North Carolina recognize human trafficking as one of the most shameful and egregious crimes of humanity, deceiving millions of men, women, and children around the world and forcing them into exploitative situations; and

WHEREAS, human traffickers represent a \$31.6 Billion dollar criminal enterprise which exploits failures in immigration policy and border security whose revenues funds transnational criminal organizations, drug cartels and terrorist crimes; and

WHEREAS, on August 4th, 2014 White House and Administration officials identified El Salvador as a source country for unaccompanied illegal children entering the United States by means of illegal smuggling and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 90,000 illegal alien minors will arrive in the United States during 2014 and an additional 145,000 illegal alien minors during 2015; and

WHEREAS, the State Department has identified El Salvador as a Tier 2 country where its citizens are subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor and has not fully complied with minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, El Salvador has failed to enforce Article 367B of the Salvadoran Penal Code as self-evident by a decrease in the number of prosecution and convictions of human trafficking cases, thereby becoming a safe haven for transnational criminal organizations and drug cartels to operate, while importing over \$580 million dollars' worth of products into North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the federal government in failing to protect the borders of our country in accordance with Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution has therefore become complicit in human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the United States is a known destination country in human trafficking, having failed to protect its sovereign borders stands in violation of Article 11 Section 1 of United Nation Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, which states, "Without prejudice to international commitments in

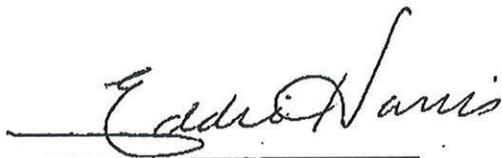
relation to the free movement of people, States Parties shall strengthen, to the extent possible, such border controls as may be necessary to prevent and detect trafficking in persons."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Surry County North Carolina Board of Commissioners does hereby call upon the Government of El Salvador by Resolution on this the 2nd day of September, 2014 to enforce Article 367B of its Penal Code, to pass in accordance with the United Nations Protocols 1 and 2 against Transnational Organized Crime, comprehensive anti-trafficking laws prohibiting forced labor, increasing its government's investigation, prosecuting and convictions of human trafficking offenses including forced labor-crimes and forced prostitution of adult victims, and to increase its local law enforcement resources to ensure the safety of its most vulnerable population.~

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the Salvadoran and United States Governments continue to willfully ignore human trafficking violations then the governing board of Surry County will call for a statewide boycott of all products which have the place of origin identified as El Salvador, and upon so doing we shall strongly recommend to the three thousand sixty-nine (3,069) counties within the United States to do likewise.

Adopted this the 2nd day of September, 2014

ATTEST:



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**RESOLUTION ON RESETTLING OF ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS INCLUDING
UNACCOMPANIED MINORS FROM NICARAGUA**

WHEREAS, the citizens of Surry County, North Carolina recognize human trafficking as one of the most shameful and egregious crimes of humanity, deceiving millions of men, women, and children around the world and forcing them into exploitative situations; and

WHEREAS, human traffickers represent a \$31.6 Billion dollar criminal enterprise which exploits failures in immigration policy and border security whose revenues funds transnational criminal organizations, drug cartels and terrorist crimes; and

WHEREAS, on August 4th, 2014 White House and Administration officials identified Nicaragua as a source country for unaccompanied illegal children entering the United States by means of illegal smuggling and human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that more than 90,000 illegal alien minors will arrive in the United States during 2014 and an additional 145,000 illegal alien minors during 2015; and

WHEREAS, the State Department has identified Nicaragua as a Tier 2 country where its citizens are subjected to sex trafficking and forced labor and has not fully complied with minimum standards for the elimination of human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, Nicaragua has failed to enforce Article 182 and Article 325 of the Nicaraguan Penal Code as self-evident by the lack of prosecutions and convictions of human trafficking cases, thereby becoming a destination country for a limited number of women and children for sex trafficking and a transit country for migrants from Africa and East Asia migrating to the United State of who many will fall victim to human trafficking; while importing over \$364 million dollars' worth of products into North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the federal government in failing to protect the borders of our country in accordance with Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution has therefore become complicit in human trafficking; and

WHEREAS, the United States is a known destination country in human trafficking, having failed to protect its sovereign borders stands in violation of Article 11 Section 1 of United Nation Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons Especially Women and Children, which states, "Without prejudice to international commitments in relation to the free movement of people, States Parties shall strengthen, to the extent possible, such border controls as may be necessary to prevent and detect trafficking in persons."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Surry County North Carolina Board of Commissioners does hereby call upon the Government of Nicaragua by Resolution on this the 2nd day of September, 2014 to enforce Article 182 and Article 315 of its Penal Code, to aggressively enforce its anti-trafficking laws, adopt proactive procedures for identifying trafficking victims among high-risk populations, increasing its government's resources in order to provide services to victims of forced prostitution and forced labor, develop greater transparency in the government's anti-trafficking measures.~

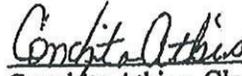
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED if the Nicaraguan and United States Governments continue to willfully ignore human trafficking violations then the governing board of Surry County will call for a statewide boycott of all products which have the place of origin identified as Nicaragua, and upon so doing we shall strongly recommend to the three thousand sixty-nine (3,069) counties within the United States to do likewise.

Adopted this the 2nd day of September, 2014



Eddie Harris, Chairman
Surry County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Conchita Atkins, Clerk to the Board





GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION
CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF SGT. ANDREW TAHMOORESSI
BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO

WHEREAS, 25-year-old United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi served two tours of duty in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi received a meritorious battle promotion to Sergeant while serving in Afghanistan's Helm and province with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi is a member of the Individual Ready Reserve and received an "Order to Muster" letter on May 9 requiring him to report to the 4th Civil Affairs Group on June 14; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi was arrested at the United States- Mexican border on March 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi's vehicle included three firearms legally registered in his name in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi due to road and checkpoint closures crossed into Mexico inadvertently; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi was incarcerated and is still being held in the El Hongo II prison in Tecate, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) following his service to the United States Marine Corps in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi's immediate release would allow him to enroll in medical treatment at a clinic specializing in combat-related PTSD in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi is neither a criminal nor a weapons trafficker; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Gates County Board of Commissioners urges:

- (1) That the Government of Mexico immediately releases United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi and provides for his swift return to the United States; and

- (2) That the President of the United States immediately utilizes the full powers and authorities of his office and the executive branch of the United States government to immediately secure the release of United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi.

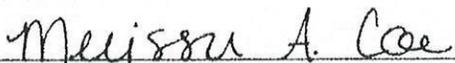
The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, each member of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Defense, and each county in North Carolina.

This the 15th day of September, 2014

In the COUNTY OF GATES

Adopted this 15th Day of August, 2014
GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: 
Henry L. Jordan, Chairman


Melissa A. Coe, Clerk to the Board



**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MOORE**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE RULE
DEFINING "WATERS OF THE U.S."**

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Act (the "Act") defines and regulates waters that fall under federal jurisdiction, which are known as "Waters of the U.S.;" and

WHEREAS, the Act requires a partnership between federal, state, and local governments to achieve the objectives of the Act, improving and maintaining water quality; and

WHEREAS, local governments, as a regulator and permittee, have assumed an ever-increasing share of the costs towards achieving those objectives; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers ("Corps") have proposed changes to the rule defining Waters of the U.S. that could significantly increase the cost and regulatory requirements for local governments and, ultimately, the costs for local residents and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule has no prescribed limits to federal jurisdiction and does not clearly define what waters are to be regulated by the federal government; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes effectively remove the case-by-case determinations of Waters of the U.S. using the "significant nexus" test and replace the test with physical characteristics, such as the presence of high water marks, and connectivity to current Waters of the U.S. By merely meeting the requirements of the new definition, a significant nexus is found and the body of water becomes subject to the Act; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rule modifies the current definition of "other waters" and "adjacent waters" in such a way that there is uncertainty as to how these proposed definitions would impact local governments; and

WHEREAS, the changes to the rule could cause manmade ditches and storm water runoffs to be considered Waters of the U.S., which once defined as a Water of the U.S., would subject them to the Act and could increase costs to local governments; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes do not include the provision of federal funds to offset the additional costs to local governments and, thus, would divert resources from other essential public services; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has written a letter to the EPA and Corps requesting that the proposed changes to the rule be withdrawn until further analysis can be completed; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties has produced a policy brief on this issue and has encouraged local governments to publicly make comments concerning the proposed changes to the rule ; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Conference of Mayors has publicly opposed legislation to expand federal jurisdiction under the Act if it is not accompanied by federal funding.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Moore County opposes legislation or changes that would further expand federal jurisdiction under the Act; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the U.S. Conference of Mayors, in its Resolution to Ensure that Municipal Concerns are Addressed in Clean Water Act Regulations, including the definition of "Waters of the U.S.," requested certain provisions be made if any changes to the rule were made. And, that the Moore County Board of Commissioners agrees that any changes to the rule should include the following provisions, which are sincere concerns for local governments:

- Separate municipal storm sewers will continue to be regulated and permitted under Section 402 of the Act and will not be considered Waters of the U.S.; and
- Water delivery, reuse, and reclamation systems and facilities will not be considered Waters of the U.S.; and
- Ditches, streams and other drainage features that protect and ensure the operation of public infrastructure will not be considered Waters of the U.S.; and
- Wastewater treatment systems and all associate infrastructure will not be considered Waters of the U.S.; and
- Any proposal to regulate waters within a floodplain, riparian, or any other general area must include a specific definition, including the specific boundaries, of the floodplain, riparian, or other area subject to the rule; and
- The rule must include sufficient clarity and specificity to better inform regulators and permittees, and to minimize the potential for litigation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, in opposition to the proposed change to the rule defining "Waters of the U.S.," the Moore County Board of Commissioners encourages citizens to write letters to the EPA, E-mail the EPA, or post comments to the Federal eRulemaking Portal, in the manner described below:

Letters, including the original and three copies, may be sent to:

Water Docket, Environmental Protection Agency
Mail Code 2822T
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20460
Attention: Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880

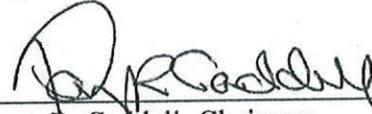
E-mails may be sent to: ow-docket@epa.gov. Please include EPA-HQ-OW-2011-0880 in the subject line of the message.

Comments may be posted online at: www.regulations.gov. Simply follow the instructions for submitting comments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Moore County Board of Commissioners encourages other local governments to pass similar resolutions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to local governments within Moore County and to federally elected officials that represent Moore County.

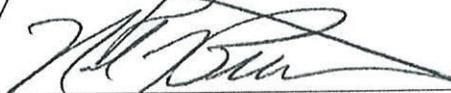
This Resolution Concerning Clean Water Act Regulations and U.S. EPA's Definition of "Waters of the U.S." has been adopted this 16 day of September, 2014.



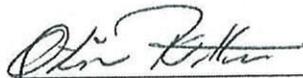
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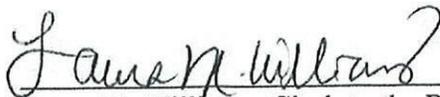


Otis Ritter, Member



Randy Saunders, Member

Attest:



Laura M. Williams, Clerk to the Board





GRAHAM COUNTY RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF SERGEANT ANDREW TAHMOORESSI BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO

- WHEREAS,** 25 year-old United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi served two tours of duty in Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS,** Sgt. Tahmooressi received a meritorious battle promotion to Sergeant while serving in Afghanistan's Helm and province with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment; and
- WHEREAS,** Sgt. Tahmooressi is a member of the Individual Ready Reserve and received an "Order to Muster" letter on May 9th requiring him to report to the 4th Civil Affairs Group on June 14th; and
- WHEREAS,** Sgt. Tahmooressi was arrested at the United States-Mexican border on March 31st, 2014; and
- WHEREAS,** Sgt. Tahmooressi's vehicle included three firearms legally registered in his name in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Sgt. Tahmooressi due to road and checkpoint closures crossed into Mexico inadvertently; and
- WHEREAS,** Sgt. Tahmooressi was incarcerated and is still being held in the El Hongo II prison in Tecate, Mexico; and
- WHEREAS,** Sgt. Tahmooressi was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) following his service to the United States Marine Corps in Afghanistan; and
- WHEREAS,** Sgt. Tahmooressi's immediate release would allow him to enroll in medical treatment at a clinic specializing in combat-related PTSD in the United States; and
- WHEREAS,** Sgt. Tahmooressi is neither a criminal nor a weapon trafficker; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Graham County Urges:

- (1) That the Government of Mexico immediately releases United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi and provides for his swift return to the United States; and
- (2) That the President of the United States immediately utilizes the full powers and authorities of his office and the executive branch of the United States

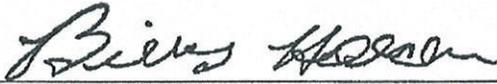
government to immediately secure the release of United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi.

The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, each member of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Defense, and each county in North Carolina.

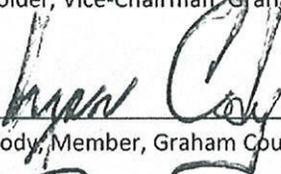
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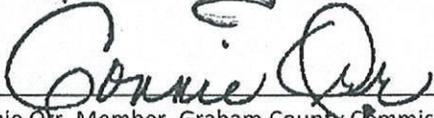
Keith Eller, Chairman, Graham County Commissioner



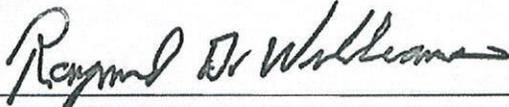
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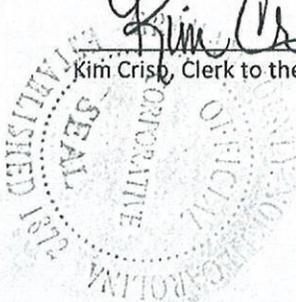


Raymond Williams, Member, Graham County Commissioner

ATTEST:



Kim Crisp, Clerk to the Board



**A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF
SERGEANT ANDREW TAHMOORESSI BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO**

WHEREAS, 25-year old United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi served two tours of duty in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi received a meritorious battle promotion to Sergeant while serving in Afghanistan's Helm and province with 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi is a member of the Individual Ready Reserve and received an "Order to Muster" letter on May 9 requiring him to report to the 4th Civil Affairs Group on June 14; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi was arrested at the United States – Mexico border on March 31, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi's vehicle included three firearms legally registered in his name in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi due to road and checkpoint closures crossed into Mexico inadvertently; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi was incarcerated and is still being held in the El Hongo II prison in Tecate, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi was diagnosed with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) following his service to the United States Marine Corps in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi's immediate release would allow him to enroll in medical treatment at a clinic specializing in combat-related PTSD in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Sgt. Tahmooressi is neither a criminal nor a weapons trafficker; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Polk County Board of Commissioners urges:

- (1) That the Government of Mexico immediately releases United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi and provides for his swift return to the United States; and
- (2) That the President of the United States immediately utilizes the full powers and authorities of his office and the executive branch of the United States government to immediately secure the release of United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi.

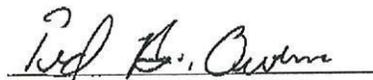
The Clerk to the Board of Commissioners shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of the United States, each member of the North Carolina Congressional Delegation, the United States Department of State, the United States Department of Defense, and each county in North Carolina.

Adopted this 22nd day of September, 2014.

ATTEST:

POLK COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS


Beth Fehrmann
Clerk to the Board


Ted B. Owens
Chair