



It is strongly suggested that personnel concerns go first through the Office of the County Manager (507 West Covington Street, Laurinburg NC 28352) or directly to County Commissioners, preferably in writing, in order for staff and/or Commissioners to attempt to address those concerns privately and with the necessary available resources.

To assure the Board of Commissioners' positive intent for the Public Forum is upheld, the following "ground rules" have been set by the Board of Commissioners:

- 1) Each speaker shall register his/her name and mailing address in order to assure accurate minutes and/or ability to respond.
- 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.

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ITEM ABSTRACT

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Meeting Date November 3, 2014

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SUBJECT: Public Hearing: 2016 Community Transportation Program (CTP)

DEPARTMENT: Transportation

PUBLIC HEARING: Yes

CONTACT PERSON: EMS Director Roylin Hammond

PURPOSE: Hold Public Hearing on the proposed CTP application

ATTACHMENTS: Public Hearing notice

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 that a public hearing will be held on the proposed Scotland County Community Transportation Program Application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation no later than November 21, 2014. The public hearing will be held on Monday, November 3, 2014, at 7 p.m. before the Scotland County Board of Commissioners at the A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC.

Those interested in attending the public hearing and needing either auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or a language translator should contact Ann Kurtzman on or before October 30, 2014, at telephone number 910-277-3191 or via email at akurtzman@scotlandcounty.org.

The Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation programs operating in Scotland County as well as provides transportation options and services for the communities within this service area. These services are currently provided using transportation vans. Services are rendered by Scotland County Area Transit System.

The total estimated amount requested for the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016

<u>Project</u>	<u>Total Amount</u>	<u>Local Share</u>
Administrative	\$112,287	\$ 16,844 (15%)
Capital (Vehicles & Other)	\$ 62,510	\$6,251 (10%)
Operating (Small fixed-route, regional, and consolidated urban-rural systems only)		*(50%) or more *Note: Small Fixed Route systems must contribute more than 50%
<b>TOTAL PROJECT</b>	<b>\$ 174,797</b>	<b>\$ 23,095</b>
	<b>Total Funding Request</b>	<b>Total Local Share</b>

This application may be inspected at 1403C Wets Boulevard, Laurinburg, NC, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Written comments should be directed to Transportation Coordinator Gracie Rettig before 12 p.m. Monday, November 3, 2014.

*End of Notice*

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**Note: AN ORIGINAL COPY** of the published Public Hearing Notice must be attached to a signed Affidavit of Publication. **Both the Public Hearing Notice and the Affidavit of Publication** must be

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SUBJECT: Presentation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Mr. Wes MacLeod, Holland Consulting Planners  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Chair Leigh Carter

PURPOSE: Provide an overview of Master Plan and its goals

ATTACHMENTS: (Master Plan was delivered to Commissioners via dropbox)

BACKGROUND: The Master Plan was approved October 14 by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and is now before the Board of Commissioners for consideration.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive plan and consider action at a future date

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Meeting Date November 3, 2014

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SUBJECT: School expansion request

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Associate Superintendent Larry Johnson

PURPOSE: Present information on Washington Park expansion proposal

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive information and consider options

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ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 4

Information

Action Item

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Meeting Date: November 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

DEPARTMENT: Administration/Multiple

- a) Approve minutes of the October 6, 2014, regular meeting.
- b) Approve Tax Department request for September 2014 to release funds in the amount of \$191.49 and in the amount of \$10,053.68, make refunds in the amount of \$90.93 and in the amount of \$219.67 and discoveries in the amount of \$1,052,486.66
- c) Budget Amendments:
  - 1) Health: Approve receipt of funds in the amount of \$7,948.99 for Medicaid funding and Pregnancy Care Management and Care Coordination for Children, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars.
  - 2) Health: Approve receipt of State funds in the amount of \$13,757 for Healthy Communities, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars.
  - 3) Health: Approve receipt of State funds in the amount of \$1,000 for STD prevention, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars.

RECOMMENDATION(S): Approve Consent Agenda

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**Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
Monday, October 6, 2014, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC**

Commissioners present: Chairman Guy McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners John Alford, John Cooley, Bob Davis, Whit Gibson and Clarence McPhatter. Staff present: 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 Neal Carter delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to approve the October 6, 2014 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Public Forum**

Chairman McCook read a Proclamation for National 4-H Week, which he presented to 4-H representatives who attended the meeting.

No one else spoke, and Public Forum was closed.

**ROAP Public Hearing**

EMS Director Roylin Hammond said the public hearing is required to make the public aware of the Rural Operating Assistance Program application process. Mr. Hammond explained how the funds would be used.

Chairman McCook opened the public hearing and asked for comments in favor of or against the application. There being none, the Public Hearing was closed.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve the 2015 ROAP application process. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Scotland County Schools update**

Associate Superintendent Larry Johnson said GPS monitoring systems were installed on all school buses. Cameras installation on all of the buses is in the process. The State provided a matching grant to install panic alarms in all schools. Mr. Johnson said hopes to revisit the issues of Washington Park.

**Transfer Station floor project**

Public Works Supervisor Bryant Higgins said a floating floor is the best way to repair the transfer floor based upon his research. He said Leak & Associates specializes in that work and the cost would be \$87,000. Mr. Higgins said floor longevity would be eight years.

Mr. Higgins explained the existing floor was built in 1998 and the Leak firm would install a special engineered slab. Mr. Higgins explained how the existing floor was constructed and how it has become worn down and separated. Mr. Higgins said surrounding counties are switching to the six-inch overlay.

Mr. Higgins said the second bid from a local contractor for \$40,000 would call for putting in a six-inch flat slab. The local contractor has never worked on a transfer station floor. Mr. Higgins said the Leak bid

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comes with a warranty while the local bid does not. Mr. Higgins recommended that the Leak & Associates bid be accepted.

There was general discussion about the expense of installing a specialized engineered floor versus the savings from putting in a concrete slab.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to accept the bid in the amount of \$87,000 from Leak & Associates. Vote: In Favor: Chairman McCook, Vice Chair McCall and Commissioners Alford, Cooley, Davis and Gibson. Vote: Against: Commissioner McPhatter. Vote: Motion approved.**

**Liaison Committee report**

Vice Chair McCall discussed the talking points presented to the Board of Education Liaison Committee members and the initial funding proposal, which would serve as a starting point for discussions, as well as comparative numbers between Scotland and Gates counties.

Commissioner Gibson said the needs of the schools, the taxpayers and the County all were discussed and taken into consideration. Commissioner Gibson said Gates is number two in effort and if Scotland County funded the schools at the same level as Gates, it would be about \$900,000 less, and it correlated with cost per student. Commissioner Gibson explained the low wealth funds would not be compromised because the figure proposed is not below the 95 percent average of the last three years. Commissioner Gibson briefly discussed the financial challenges the County faces and the desire not to burden the taxpayer.

Commissioner Davis said the proposal is a starting point, which the school liaison members will study and respond to. Commissioner Gibson said the County cannot make up the funding the schools have lost from reductions at the State and federal level.

Vice Chair McCall said she is optimistic the committee would succeed in meeting this challenge head on. It would have historic consequences, and community support is important. Commissioner Davis mentioned that UNCP lost a tremendous amount of money and the university tightened its belt and kept going.

**Consent Agenda**

- a) **Approve minutes of the September 2, 2014, regular 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. *(incorporated by reference)***
- 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.**

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

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**Quarterly Financial update**

Deputy Finance Officer Beth Hobbs provided information on the General Fund Balance as of June 30, 2014. She also provided budget projections as of September 25, 2014. She discussed revenues compared to total expenditures as of the end of September.

**Policy Committee report**

Vice Chair McCall said it was determined that an appeals process would not be necessary for the processing fees for littering and illegal dumping. Mr. Johnston explained that an individual cited would have the option to go to court, which is an appeals process. Vice Chair McCall added that the committee agreed that the Solid Waste Enforcement Officer is capable of resolving littering situations.

Vice Chair McCall said the word “non-compliant” replaced “violation” and illegal dumping on private property was included in the document. Vice Chair McCall said the Policy Committee recommends approval of the document as presented.

*Chairman McCook said that with the unanimous recommendation of the Policy Committee he would entertain a vote on the policy at which point Out of Court Processing Fees for Illegal Dumping/Littering/Non-Permitted County Facilities/Private Property was unanimously approved.*

Vice Chair McCall discussed availability fees as an option in order to get the landfill to break even in 15 years. Vice Chair McCall said further research is needed and there will be discussions on parcels and how they might be defined in an availability fee structure. Vice Chair McCall added this is a work in progress. A final proposal would be presented in time for budget discussions.

**County Manager report**

Mr. Patterson said the low bid for the fascia project is \$86,000 but the County budgeted \$60,000. Mr. Patterson recommended that \$24,500, which would have been used for asbestos removal at the Monarch building, be reallocated to the fascia project. The low bidder KKJGC, Inc., has agreed to perform the fascia work for \$84,500.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to reallocate \$24,500 from Monarch asbestos removal to the fascia project and award the contract to KKJGC, Inc., for \$84,500. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said the County foreclosed on 41 properties. Mr. Patterson asked the Commissioners to approval disposal of the properties in order to conduct an RFP process for an auctioneer. Mr. Patterson asked the Commissioners if they would want to add the Monarch and Speller buildings to the list of properties for disposal.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Cooley and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve disposal of the 41 foreclosed properties and the Monarch and Speller buildings. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said he would have more specifics regarding the auction process at the November meeting.

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Mr. Patterson said he received a request from an individual who would like to repurchase property in which the County foreclosed. The County has \$1,601.78 invested in the property. Mr. Patterson said because the individual had prior financial interest in the property the Board can sell the property to this individual without an upset bid process, although the Board is not required to sell the property to the individual.

Mr. Patterson said if the Board is interested in allowing the individual to purchase the property, he would recommend against accepting installment payment and instead recommend a full payment requirement at closing, but schedule the closing not to exceed a certain date determined by the Board.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to sell the property back to the individual for \$1,601.78, a sum that is due on or before December 31, 2014. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said there was an error in processing the budget for Register of Deeds. Although the Board approved continuing the back scanning project for the Register of Deeds in the amount of \$15,000, at some point it was removed from the budget. Mr. Patterson added there also was \$6,000 available in last year's budget for the upgrade of the fee station and computers in the Register of Deeds office. The project was not completed before the all purchase orders were closed at the end of the fiscal year. Mr. Patterson requested that \$21,000 be added to the Register of Deeds budget.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to appropriate \$21,000 for the Register of Deeds office. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

The County manager said the ABC store has some significant capital needs. Since it directs its profits back to the County the ABC Board is requesting that some of the profits be dedicated for repairs and renovations, which would include a new roof, updated computer system and remodel of the store. The ABC Board also asks that the County handle the bidding and administer the contracts.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to approve the ABC store capital project to be conducted over a two-year period with \$70,000 in the first year and \$50,000 in the second year. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said the City is looking at demolition of the gas station at Church and Main and a cleanup of gas tanks, which would cost \$25,000. The City, County and Schools are asked to participate at a cost of \$7,500 each. The LDRC would purchase the property for \$3,000. The City asks the County to waive tipping fees. Mr. Patterson said the County waives tipping fees to the City for one house per month, but the County never approved a commercial property before. Mr. Patterson said waiving the tipping fees would apply only to the building, not the tanks. Mr. Patterson said of the gas station that it is a blighted building that is visible and needs to be demolished. The plan once the building is removed is for open space.

Vice Chair McCall said a three-way split with the schools and the County contributing are County dollars, and that should be noted. Chairman McCook said the City would do most of the labor, which might calculate to additional cost to them. Chairman McCook said this would improve the community with minimal investment. Commissioner Davis said the County would pay the third and then absorb the tipping fee. Mr. Patterson estimated the City would have significantly more in it than the County would with the labor and conversion of the property, which would be owned by the LDRC.

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**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve the plan as presented with a County contribution of \$7,500 and waiving the tipping fees. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

County Manager Patterson said County bonds were downgraded by Moody's from A1 Negative Outlook to A2. The primary reasons for the downgrade were the financial weakness in enterprise funds and the local economy. In discussing the rating, Moody's noted the high unemployment and poverty rates in Scotland County compared to State and national averages.

Mr. Patterson said a Standard & Poor's rating several months ago improved from A Negative Outlook to A Positive Outlook. Mr. Patterson explained that bond ratings are not a credit score. They directly impact the secondary bond market, buying and selling bonds. The County's bond ratings will impact the underwriting costs of future bond issuances. Mr. Patterson said the County will have new bond ratings before it issues new bonds.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Cooley to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook  
Chairman



# County of Scotland

## **TAX DEPARTMENT**

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TAX ADMINISTRATOR  
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LAURINBURG, NC 28353

MARTY PATE  
TAX COLLECTOR  
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October 2, 2014

Beth Hobbs  
Finance Officer Scotland County

Re: Release, Refund and Discoveries for September 2014

Dear Ms. Hobbs,

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

The grand totals are as follows:

1. Releases less than \$100 – Totaling: \$191.49;
  2. Releases more than \$100 – Totaling: \$10,053.68;
  3. Refunds less than \$100 – Totaling: \$90.93. All others were due to overpayment;
  4. Refunds more than \$100 – Totaling: \$219.67; All others were due to overpayment;
- and,
5. Discoveries – Totaling: \$1,052,486.66.

With best regards,

Marty Pate  
Scotland County Tax Collector

Enclosure

**RELEASES LESS THAN \$100**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESC/BILL #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Cesar Anderson	2014-488	\$69.11	foreclosure sale 2/5/14 county owns
Freddie Junior Brown	2014-200131	\$27.00	swmh dlb listed
Kids First Christian	2013-2014	\$78.07	religious/exempt property
Transcription Service	2014-21932	\$17.31	business moved to Pinehurst

**Total**      **\$191.49**

**RELEASES MORE THAN \$100**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>DESC/BILL #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Ander Devaugh	2014-200132	\$349.70	m/h double listed
Thomas Leach	2014-11297	\$312.61	home burn't Nov 2012
Hannah McRae	2014-200140	\$343.92	m/h repoed prior to 2013
Jamie Norton	2013-2014	\$307.25	never owned swmh
Robert Walters	2010-2013	\$1,161.74	owner died Oct 2009, business closed
David Seagraves	2014-19489	\$236.52	foreclosure sale 2/5/14 county owns
Sadie Stubbs	2012-21264	\$451.67	m/h double listed
Unknown	2001-2010	\$6,890.27	personal property removed prior to year

**Total**      **\$10,053.68**

**REFUNDS LESS THAN \$100**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BILL #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Hannah McRae	2014-200140	\$90.93	m/h repoed created overpayment

**Total**      **\$90.93**

**REFUNDS MORE THAN \$100**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>BILL #</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Lockler Eric	2010-11967	219.67	due to bankruptcy filing

**Total**      **\$219.67**

**All others due to overpayment**

**DISCOVERIES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Amanda Lyon	\$27.00	unlisted swmh
Ander Devaugh	\$349.70	unlisted swmh
Freddie Brown	\$27.00	unlisted swmh
Heather Easterling	\$27.00	unlisted swmh
Hannah McRae	\$252.99	m/h repoed, no longer qual for exempt
Rodney Ray Clark	\$53.26	unlisted 2006 long trailer
Rodney Ray Clark	\$89.76	unlisted 2005 pace trailer
Linwood Huffman	\$2,260.08	addition not listed
Systel Business Equipment	\$17.40	business listed/not billed
Systel Business Equipment	\$30.21	unlisted business
Systel Business Equipment	\$42.90	unlisted business
Thomas Jeptha Whitlock	\$63.67	late listing business
Boun Farms, LLC	\$3.82	amended return
Boun Farms, LLC	\$46.67	amended return
Lillian Locklear	\$25.25	listed swmh/not billed
Utility Companies	<u>\$1,049,169.95</u>	total for all
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$1,052,459.66</u></b>	



**G. David Jenkins, MPA**  
Health Director

## SCOTLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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October 22, 2014

### MEMORANDUM

To: Kevin Patterson  
County Manager

FROM: G. David Jenkins, MPA *G.D.J.*  
Health Director

SUBJECT: Budget Request

We have received funding for three (3) separate programs:

- Medicaid Funding for Pregnancy Care Management (PCM) and Care Coordination for Children (CC4C) in the amount of \$7,948.99
- State Funding for Healthy Communities in the amount of \$13,757.00
- State Funding for STD Prevention in the amount of \$1000.00

On October 21, 2014 the Board of Health approved the receipt of the above mentioned funds. We request that you approve the transfer of these funds to the FY 2014-2015 budget year and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to expend these funds within the Fiscal Year. No County dollars are involved.

Thank you for your consideration.

GDJ/bcm

Cc: Ann Kurtzman, Clerk to the Board of Commissioners  
Beth Hobbs, Business Officer  
Tim Martin, Fiscal Management, Health Department

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ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 5  
X Information  
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       Consent Agenda

Meeting Date November 3, 2014

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SUBJECT: Liaison Committee report

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

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

PURPOSE: Provide update on the October 21 meeting of the Liaison Committee

ATTACHMENTS: Draft minutes from October 21, 2014  
Local and capital funding proposal from the schools  
Schools capital projects forecast

BACKGROUND: N/A.

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive information

**Liaison Committee meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 21, 2014, 507 West Covington Street, Laurinburg, NC**

Members present: Commissioners Bob Davis, Whit Gibson and Carol McCall and Board of Education members Pat Gates, B.J. Gibson and Jamie Sutherland. Staff present was Clerk to the Board Ann. W. Kurtzman.

At 5 p.m. the meeting was called to order and the draft minutes reviewed. After some discussion, the committee agreed to delete "Going forward the County Commissioners and the Board of Education are to function as one entity" from the first paragraph after the bulleted points. The committee also agreed to add to the end of the second paragraph on page 2, "It was noted a tax decrease is not necessarily inherent with a decrease in funding. However a reduction in funding would result in some reduction in the tax rate." With the amendments noted, the committee approved the September 16, 2014 minutes.

Mr. Sutherland distributed proposed funding from the schools, which decreases by two percent from \$10,610,080 in 2016-2017 to \$10,397,879 in 2017-2018 and remains at that level in 2018-2019. Mr. Sutherland said there is concern about the County proposal, which indicates a substantial cut in local funding from 2015-2016 to 2016-2017, which is more than the school system would be able to tolerate in one year. Mr. Sutherland suggested the committee meet in 2017-2018 to begin talks for another five year plan that would begin in 2019-2020 with the baseline number that of the one proposed for 2018-2019.

Mr. Sutherland discussed capital funding, the needs of which are significant, since capital has been put on the back burner for an extended period of time. Mr. Sutherland said the proposed capital dollars in the next three years would be \$656,000 in FY 2017, \$626,000 in FY 2018 and \$608,000 in FY 2019. The proposed capital dollars would supplement the \$700,000 in pass-through funds from fines and forfeitures and lottery and would fulfill the projected capital budgets in each of those years. Mr. Sutherland said repairs would not be made to buildings the Board of Education intends to consider abandoning and/or selling. Mr. B.J. Gibson said the capital funding proposal does not include funds that might be needed for unanticipated events and does not account for 29 mobile units that also require capital care. Mr. Sutherland said because capital is such a critical need, the committee should have set numbers for capital. Mr. Sutherland said the proposed capital request is not arbitrary and is based on the capital projects forecast developed by the schools.

Ms. McCall said the County faces capital needs as well. Ms. McCall described the school capital projections as good information and worthwhile, but focus should not be lost on the mission of the committee, which is to develop a formula for operations. Mr. Sutherland agreed but said whatever formula is developed should have a capital piece attached to it. Ms. McCall said the capital alone over three years at nearly \$1.9 million is 10 cents on the tax rate. Ms. McCall added that capital needs aside, the task for the Liaison Committee as a result of mediation is to develop an operational expense funding formula. She added that if success is tying capital to that, it would be a bigger challenge for the committee to commit \$2 million over the next three years. She asked if this is a reasonable expectation for the committee.

Mr. Sutherland said the capital piece is what the schools do not receive on a consistent basis, and the \$300,000 the schools received over the past three years is in no way sufficient to take care of its capital projects.

Ms. McCall said adding \$1.9 million on the other end takes her breath away, and a capital commitment over a period of years would be difficult without taking into consideration other factors like student population, ADM and other related data and trends.

The Commissioners on the committee agreed the counter proposal on operations is logical and well thought out. Mr. Davis said business will have to be viewed a lot differently in light of state reductions to schools and the increased dependency on the County. Mr. Davis said the operations side would have to be looked at long and hard, and there should be some strategic planning like what was done at UNCP when its funding was reduced by \$800,000 in a single year. He said when the schools are squeezed the County is squeezed. Mr. Davis added that the process has come full circle, and it's beginning to bite because the money is not there.

Ms. McCall said with the County satisfying the school mandate, it didn't leave much money for capital. Ms. McCall suggested if operations could be reduced, the capital could go up.

Mr. Whit Gibson suggested the liaison meetings might be stepped up in order to move forward and have a funding formula ready for recommendation by March 1. Mr. Sutherland suggested that any proposals developed by either side in between meetings be sent to committee members up to 48 hours before a scheduled meeting to allow time for review and so the committee would be prepared to discuss them.

The Liaison Committee rescheduled the next meeting from November 18 to Wednesday, November 12 at 5 p.m., at the A.B. Gibson Center.

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Liasion Committee  
Scotland County School Board Initial Proposal

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>County Funding</u>	<u>Capital Funding</u>
2013-14	\$10,139,325	\$198,000
2014-15	\$10,614,325	\$300,000
2015-16	\$10,826,612	\$300,000
<b>2016-17 Modify budget with decrease of 2%</b>	<b>\$10,610,080</b>	<b>\$656,000</b>
<b>2017-18 Modify budget with decrease of 2%</b>	<b>\$10,397,879</b>	<b>\$626,000</b>
<b>2018-2019 Maintain at prior year level</b>	<b>\$10,397,879</b>	<b>\$608,000</b>

\*\*Committee to reconvene in 2017-18 to determine funding for the 5 years starting with 2019-20 – with baseline number being agreed upon funding for 2018-19

<b>YEAR</b>	<b>Current Expense Funding</b>	<b>Capital Expense Funding</b>	<b>Tax Rat</b>
2009	\$10,871,381	\$680,000	\$1.02
2010	\$10,663,959	\$580,000	\$1.02
2011	\$10,131,464	\$0	\$.99
2012	\$10,075,654	\$260,000	\$1.03
		(\$130K stadium)	
2013	\$10,139,325	\$198,000	\$1.03

# Scotland County Schools

Capital Projects Forecast

10.21.14

# Capital Projects

- Assumptions
- Revenue
  - 425,000 (Lottery)
  - 275,000 (Fines and Forfeitures)
  - Total - \$700,000

# Capital Budget 2015-16

AB Gibson Roof	\$460,000
Capital Allocations	\$61,000
Annual Painting	\$60,000
Annual Asbestos	\$50,000
VOIP Phone	\$25,000
Debt Service - Wagram	\$300,000
Perimeter Fencing Car/LH	\$24,000
Equipment Reserve	\$20,000
Total	\$1,000,000
Amount of Request =	\$300,000

# Capital Budget 2016-17

• HVAC Controls SHS	\$250,000
• Heat Pump Replacement South (12)	\$120,000
• Pre K Roof WP	\$150,000
• Debt Service - Wagram	\$300,000
• Chiller Replacement SHS Bldg. 3	\$300,000
• Heat Pump Replacement WP Pre K (2)	\$20,000
• Annual Painting	\$60,000
• Annual Asbestos	\$50,000
• VOIP Phone	\$25,000
• Capital Allocations	\$61,000
• Equipment Reserve	\$20,000
• Total	\$1,356,000
• Amount of Request =	\$ 656,000

# Capital Budget 2017-18

• Heat Pump Replacement L.Hill (34)	\$350,000
• Roof Replacement New Gym SHS	\$275,000
• Debt Service - Wagram	\$300,000
• Annual Painting	\$60,000
• Annual Asbestos Abatement	\$50,000
• VOIP	\$25,000
• Capital Allocations	\$61,000
• Equipment Reserve	\$20,000
• Condensation Piping Repair (North)	\$75,000
• Gym Floor Replacement Shaw	\$50,000
• Parking Lot Resurface WP	\$60,000
• Total	\$1,326,000
• Amount of Request =	\$626,000

# Capital Budget 2018-19

• Gym Roof IEJ	\$156,000
• Gym Roof Shaw	\$100,000
• Debt Service - Wagram	\$300,000
• Annual Painting	\$60,000
• Annual Asbestos	\$50,000
• Parking Lot Lighting SHS	\$25,000
• Perimeter Fencing Shaw	\$10,000
• Media Center Roof WP	\$156,000
• VOIP	\$25,000
• Capital Allocations	\$61,000
• Equipment Reserve	\$20,000
• Large Air Handlers SHS	\$120,000
• Small Air Handlers	\$30,000
• Electric Duct Heaters SHS	\$20,000
• Auditorium Enhancement	\$175,000
• Total	\$1,308,000
• Amount of Request =	\$608,000

# Capital Budget 2019-20

• Heat Pump Replacement South	\$120,000
• Debt Service - Wagram	\$300,000
• Annual Painting	\$60,000
• Annual Asbestos	\$50,000
• Parking Lot Resurface South	\$60,000
• Parking Lot Repair & Resurface Wagram	\$75,000
• Perimeter Fencing Spring Hill	\$10,000
• Storage Buildings Middle Schools	\$90,000
• Perimeter Fencing Sycamore Lane	\$10,000
• Lighted Bus Parking Pate	\$75,000
• Media Center Roof North	\$156,000
• Covered Walkway for car Riders South	\$45,000
• VOIP	\$25,000
• Capital Allotment	\$61,000
• Equipment Reserve	\$20,000
• Covered Walkways @ Middle Schools	\$130,000
• Exterior Lighting Cov.	\$10,000
• Exterior Lighting South	\$15,000
• Total	\$1,312,000
• Amount of Request =	\$612,000

# Other Identified Projects

• Refurbish Gym Ceiling Carver	\$35,000
• Video for Elementary Schools	\$56,000
• Improve parking between Car/LH	\$75,000
• Media Center Roof Shaw	\$150,000
• Media Center Roof Pate	\$150,000
• Bathroom Renovations North	\$40,000
• Bathroom Renovations WP	\$40,000
• Condensation Piping Repair Shaw	\$75,000
• Perimeter Fencing Pate	\$10,000
• Media Center Roof South	\$150,000
• Group Toilet Renovation Shaw	\$70,000
• Gym Roof Replacement	\$100,000
• Teacher Parking Shaw	\$50,000
• Acoustical Tiles Band/Chorus S Hill	\$5,000
• Sound System Gym Syc	\$10,000
• Locker Room HVAC Syc	\$50,000
• Perimeter Fencing Syc	\$10,000
• Renovation of Existing Toilets WP	\$75,000
• Roof Replacement Cafeteria WP	\$75,000
• Total	\$1,226,000

# Completed Projects

• Buildings Security Walls	\$369,000
• Gutter Repairs LH,Car,S Hill	\$9,000
• Bard Heat Pumps Cov	\$75,000
• Electronic Card Readers	\$65,000
• Teacher Parking cov	\$50,000
• Refinish Bleachers iej	\$5,000
• Perimeter Lighting iej	\$10,000
• VOIP Phone System	\$25,000
• New Staff Parking	\$45,000
• Roof Replacement pate	\$365,000
• Additional Video Recorders shs	\$20,000
• Bard Heat Pumps shaw	\$75,000
• Roof Replacement south	\$200,000
• Bard Heat Pump Replacement south	\$75,000
• Perimeter Fencing south	\$10,000
• Parent Pickup Lane south	\$35,000
• Perimeter Fencing wagram	\$10,000
• Roof Replacement syc	\$175,000
• Carpet Replacement wag	\$25,000
• Total	\$1,643,000

**SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 6

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

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Meeting Date: November 3, 2014

SUBJECT: Appointments to Boards and Committees

DEPARTMENT: Governing Body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Vice Chair Carol McCall

PURPOSE: Fill vacancies on various boards and committees as necessary

ATTACHMENTS: Update on current or upcoming vacancies on boards/committees  
Two ABC Board applications  
Letter of request from the ABC Board  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board application

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATION(S): Make appointments as necessary



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**TO:** Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
**FROM:** Ann W. Kurtzman, Clerk to the Board *awk*  
**SUBJECT:** Current Boards and Committees vacancies  
**DATE:** October 29, 2014

## **ABC BOARD**

One seat will be available. Application were received from **Dr. Bill Stroud** and **Mr. Andy Graves**. A letter from the ABC Board requests that **Ms. Dee Hammond** be reappointed. Ms. Hammond has served two consecutive terms.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

One seat is open on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. It is for a three-year term. An application has been received from **Mr. Andy Graves**.

*Below is a list of Boards and Committees where vacancies currently are or will become available through February 2015.*

## **AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Four seats including one for an unexpired term are open.

## **BOARD OF HEALTH**

The physician, public-spirited citizen and dentist appointments will become available, effective December 2014.

## **LAURINBURG/SCOTLAND COUNTY CRIME AND DRUG COMMITTEE**

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis for this committee.

## **LAURINBURG/SCOTLAND COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD**

Two seats will be available in January 2015. Appointees must live in the ETJ.

## **LRCOG SCOTLAND COUNTY NURSING HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

One seat is available.

Letter of request is attached.

## **MAXTON/SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT AND APPEALS**

One seat is open. Appointee must reside in the Maxton extraterritorial jurisdiction.

## **SCOTLAND COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

One seat is available.

## **SCOTLAND COUNTY PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD**

Three seats are available.

**SCOTLAND COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

One seat one alternate seat is available.

**SOUTHEASTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Two seats will be available in January 2015.

**WAGRAM/SCOTLAND COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

Two seats are available. The appointee must reside in the extraterritorial jurisdiction of Wagram.

**NOTE:** *The above Board and Committee vacancies are advertised on the Scotland County website and the application form also is available on the website.*

## Ann Kurtzman

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**From:** notifications@scotlandcounty.org  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 05, 2014 11:36 AM  
**To:** Akurtzman@scotlandcounty.org  
**Subject:** Form Submission Received: Online Application Form

From Url: <http://www.scotlandcounty.org/online-application-form.aspx>  
From IP Address: 76.237.149.61

Name:  
Dr Bill

Mailing Address:  
12700 Barnes Bridge Road

Physical Address (if different from mailing address):

Daytime Phone:  
9102776302

Evening Phone:  
9102768202

Email:  
stroudod@bellsouth.net

I wish to be considered for appointment to the following Board(s)/Commission(s):  
ABC

List any experience/qualifications you have relevant to the above Board/Commission:  
18 years on Scotland County Public Health Board...

List current service on other Board(s)/Commission(s):  
Same as above

List past service on other Board(s)/Commission(s):  
Vice-President and Sub-Committees

A form has been submitted, click the link below to view the submission:  
<http://www.scotlandcounty.org/FormWizard/ViewSubmission.aspx?mid=170&pageid=146&rid=d76a955c-bb88-4037-8dff-c210c58ee8b1>

## Ann Kurtzman

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**From:** notifications@scotlandcounty.org  
**Sent:** Friday, October 10, 2014 12:30 AM  
**To:** Akurtzman@scotlandcounty.org  
**Subject:** Form Submission Received: Online Application Form

From Url: <http://www.scotlandcounty.org/online-application-form.aspx>  
From IP Address: 76.182.182.93

Name:  
Andy Graves

Mailing Address:  
10670 Stewartsville Cemetery Rd

Physical Address (if different from mailing address):

Daytime Phone:  
910.280.1514

Evening Phone:  
910.280.1514

Email:  
cadynsdaddy4@yahoo.com

I wish to be considered for appointment to the following Board(s)/Commission(s):  
Scotland County ABC Board

List any experience/qualifications you have relevant to the above Board/Commission:  
3 years experience working at the Scotland County ABC Store. Learned many Assistant manager duties while there. Bachelor's Degree from NC State University in Leadership in the Public Sector.

List current service on other Board(s)/Commission(s):  
None

List past service on other Board(s)/Commission(s):  
None

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<http://www.scotlandcounty.org/FormWizard/ViewSubmission.aspx?mid=170&pageid=146&rid=afd66b79-7cd4-421c-803b-9344cd0269d9>

**Scotland County ABC Board  
224 Lauchwood Drive  
Laurinburg, NC 28352**

Mr. Guy McCook, Chairman  
Scotland County Board of County Commissioners  
507 West Covington Street  
Laurinburg, NC 28352

Dear Mr. McCook:

At the August 4, 2014 meeting of the Scotland County ABC Board, the Board unanimously approved a motion requesting that the Scotland County Commissioners appoint current ABC Board Chairperson, Mrs. Dee Hammond, to a third consecutive term. Mrs. Hammond has served in this capacity for four years.

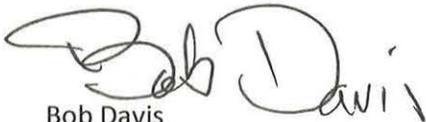
Our Board has prepared a long-range plan that includes repairs and renovations to our facility, necessary upgrades to our computer systems to allow for scanning inventory, ordering, and more efficient checkout, and other improvements to modernize our store. Mrs. Hammond's knowledge and continued leadership would greatly aid the board as we pursue these projects and explore methods of updating our operations in Scotland County.

The Scotland County ABC Board respectfully requests that the Scotland County Commissioners reappoint Mrs. Hammond when her term expires in December 2014. Thank you and the Board for your consideration of this request. We will be glad to provide more information upon request.

Sincerely,



Wilson McCall  
Secretary, Scotland County ABC Board



Bob Davis  
Member, Scotland County ABC Board



William Graves  
Store Manager, Scotland County ABC Store

Cc: Kevin Patterson, Scotland County Manager  
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## Ann Kurtzman

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**To:** Akurtzman@scotlandcounty.org  
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I wish to be considered for appointment to the following Board(s)/Commission(s):  
Parks and Recreation Advisory Board

List any experience/qualifications you have relevant to the above Board/Commission:  
5 years coaching youth sports, 12 years experience as a former football player (P&R - Varsity), 14 years experience as a baseball player(P&R-Varsity), 10 Years experience as a former basketball player (P&R - Junior Varsity), 6 years as an adult men's softball player. Current Team Manager and Head Coach of a 10u Travel baseball team. Bachelor's Degree from North Carolina State University in Leadership in the Public Sector.

List current service on other Board(s)/Commission(s):  
None

List past service on other Board(s)/Commission(s):  
None

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**SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 7

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

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Meeting Date: November 3, 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  
FCC property tax analysis  
Economic Development Director recruitment announcement  
Veteran's Day Ceremony information  
Senior Tar Heel Legislature priorities  
Chowan, Carteret, Rowan and Ashe counties resolutions  
Iredell County proclamation

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

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



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October 30, 2014

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Kevin Patterson, County Manager

Re: Monthly Report

FCC Incentive – I am requesting a budget amendment to allow for the payment of the Incentive agreement for FCC of NC. The amount of this incentive for the current year is \$686,100. This amount was not budgeted because during the budget process I did not expect FCC to fully meet its obligations in this fiscal year. The threshold for the incentive was \$57 million investment and 66 jobs. I knew the investment would be the first part of the incentive agreement met. Since the paper plant was not in production I assumed the job creation would not be met in this year. Since this project started FCC has added over 200 jobs. They are now the largest industrial employer in the county and the third largest employers for total FTEs.

## **Request budget amendment for \$686,100 for the incentive payment to FCC of NC**

Economic Developer – Greg Icard, Economic Developer, has submitted his resignation. We have begun the recruitment process. Advertisement has begun and additional means of distribution are being developed. Greg Icard's last day will be November 7<sup>th</sup>.

For information only

Auction of real property – a request for information was sent to listed auction companies in the region. We have received responses from two companies at this time; Iron Horse Auctions, James W Johnson. The final deadline for submission of information is after this report is being prepared. All information will be forwarded after the deadline.

Recommend selection of an auction company

Veterans' Day – The Scotland County Veterans Council will sponsor the Veterans' Day Ceremony at Legion Part on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. This ceremony is to honor veterans of all wars, both living and deceased, who have served this nation.

For information only

**FCC Property Taxes Analysis**

	<b>Taxable Valuation 2013</b>	<b>Taxable Valuation 2014</b>	<b>Difference</b>
<b>Business Personal Property</b>	\$ 38,903,256	\$ 103,534,972	\$ 64,631,716
Reported 2013 Acquiistions			\$ 17,820,196
Reported CIP			\$ 56,000,000
			\$ 73,820,196
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<b>Armstrong Road</b>	\$ 7,385,940	\$ 11,008,740	\$ 3,622,800
267 x 326 Plant Addition			\$ 3,622,800
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<b>401-By Pass</b>	\$ -		\$ 5,758,420
New Plant			\$ 5,758,420
			\$ 74,012,936
		103 property tax	\$ 762,333
		90%	\$ 686,100
Increase in budget	\$ 40,000,000		\$ 412,000
Amount not in budget			\$ 274,100

October 28, 2014

**RECRUITMENT ANNOUNCEMENT – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR**

**SCOTLAND COUNTY** is seeking applicants for the position of Economic Development Director to perform promotional and consultative work in developing and implementing an economic development program for the County. Employee is responsible for consulting with local officials; community leaders; along with retail and industry executives for the purpose of promoting economic growth through expansion and retention of existing industrial and commercial bases, and attraction of new business into the County. Duties include development of data, statistics, and publications, which portray the economic potential of the county; identification of prospective industries; and maintaining proper records, reports, and public information for the program; development of grants and funding sources in conjunction with local government efforts to support infrastructure improvements. Work requires considerable planning and timely execution of work. Decisions must be made quickly with accuracy when dealing with the economic management teams. Employee must exercise independent judgment and simultaneously must consider financial, socio-economic, legal, and regulatory variables as they affect the County. Reports to the County Manager. Requires a Bachelor's degree in Business, Planning, Economics, Public Administration, or a related field with at least five years of professional experience in industrial or economic development; or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Designation as a Certified Economic Developer desired. Must possess a valid NC Driver's License. Salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Excellent Benefits. Submit State application (PD-107 available through our website, [www.scotlandcounty.org](http://www.scotlandcounty.org)) along with resume, cover letter, and **an OFFICIAL SEALED TRANSCRIPT OF THE HIGHEST DEGREE** to: Scotland County Personnel, 507 W. Covington St., P O Box 489, Laurinburg, NC 28353. Review of applications will begin immediately and will continue until the position is filled. Criminal Background Check and Drug Test Required. An Equal Opportunity Employer.



## SCOTLAND COUNTY VETERANS COUNCIL

P.O. BOX 489

LAURINBURG, NC 28353

TELEPHONE: 910-277-2597 FAX: 910-277-2411

email: [mwilliams@scotlandcounty.org](mailto:mwilliams@scotlandcounty.org)

October 22, 2014

Mr. Kevin Patterson  
County Manager  
P.O. Box 489  
Laurinburg, NC 28353

Dear Mr. Patterson:

On Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 11:00 a.m., the Scotland County Veterans Council will sponsor a Veteran's Day Ceremony at Legion Park, 1009 Atkinson Street, Laurinburg, North Carolina. In case of inclement weather, the ceremony will be held at the National Guard Armory, 1520 South Main Street, Laurinburg, North Carolina.

This ceremony is to honor veterans of all wars, both living and deceased, who have served this grateful nation during the time of national crisis and defense and gave their lives for the privileges we often take for granted.

Our guest speaker will be SFC James Jones. He is a retired U.S. Army veteran. SFC Jones is currently the Marlboro County U.S. Army JROTC Assistant Instructor.

We would be honored if you could find time in your busy schedule to attend this ceremony. Please inform me of your decision to attend as soon as possible. You may respond to the above address, telephone, fax number or email address.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jimmy Bennett  
President

JB/mw

# **North Carolina**



## ***Senior Tar Heel Legislature***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 15, 2014

By: John Thompson

Raleigh, NC – The North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature (NCSTHL) met in Raleigh October 9-10 for its final meeting of 2014. During the meeting, various committees met to discuss resolutions and establish NCSTHL priorities for the next two years. In addition, the group heard updates regarding budget cuts to vital programs for older adults and the importance of advocating on the behalf of older adults in the community.

The STHL 2014-15 new legislative priorities are: 1) Preserve or Restore Optional Medicaid Services; 2) Maintain funding for senior centers; 3) Strengthen and fund North Carolina's Adult Protective Services Program; 4) Notify Medicare Patients Admitted for Observation.; 5) Home and Community Care Block Grant Funding. A more detailed explanation of these priorities can be found on the NCSTHL website at: <http://www.ncsthl.org>.

The meeting was rounded out with three informative guest speakers. Ms. Suzanne Merrill, the newly appointed Director of the Division of Aging and Adult Services, provided a "Director's Report for the NCSTHL" that focused on Legislative Updates and Implementation Activities. One area she highlighted was the reduction of funds for the Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG). This particular block grant allows for the provision of a broad range of services designed to improve the quality of life for older adults. Merrill stated, "As you have probably heard, the HCCBG was reduced by \$969,549; this is a 3.1% recurring reduction." She went on to say that "this is an area that is going to present a real challenge; this is an important program for older adults in North Carolina."

Mary Bethel, Associate State Director for Advocacy AARP-North Carolina, discussed advocacy and how important it is to be able to communicate effectively with your representatives. She presented "Fourteen Points to Remember When Communicating with an Elected Official." Effective and efficient communication will be vital as our state continues to face funding cuts such as the HCCBG. Elected officials need to hear from you!

Mental Health and Substance Abuse in older adults was also discussed during the two-day meeting. Ellen Schneider, MBA; Research Scientist at UNC-Chapel Hill, works in the Geriatric Education Center. She stated “The purpose of the center is to try and get the word out to the public about geriatrics and to make sure health care professionals don’t forget about older people and that they are trained properly. Needs do differ for the elderly as they get older.” Schneider offered statistics regarding mental health and depression among older adults. North Carolina is the 8<sup>th</sup> worst state in percentage of older adults experiencing mental health issues and depression (which is not a normal part of aging). In addition, nearly 20% of older adults at any one time do suffer from depression, which in many cases result in a 50% increase in health care expenditures. There are programs in North Carolina designed to help older adults manage their depression. Contact the UNC Geriatric Education Center for more information.

Traditionally, the last meeting of each year for the NCSTHL is when we hold our annual food drive. Canned and other goods are collected during the two day meeting and then delivered to a regional food bank or non-profit organization for further distribution to the needy. This is our fifth year holding the food drive and each year we surpass the previous in amount of goods donated. This year was no exception; well over two hundred pounds of goods were collected along with some generous cash donations to help those in need.

The STHL promotes citizen involvement and advocacy concerning aging issues before the General Assembly and assesses the legislative needs of older adults by convening a forum modeled after the North Carolina General Assembly. Please feel free to contact your local delegate or your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA). You can also visit the STHL website as well as our Facebook page, search for North Carolina Senior Tar Heel Legislature. The next STHL meeting will be March 16-17, 2015.

Dr. Howard H. Whitehurst is the STHL Delegate for Scotland County. He can be reached at 702 W. Church Street, Laurinburg, NC. Email: [hwhitehurst@gmail.com](mailto:hwhitehurst@gmail.com) or Phone: 910 277-0708.



**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 Chowan 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 Chowan 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 Chowan 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

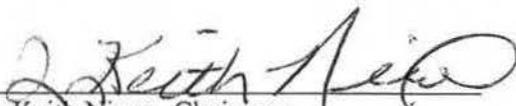
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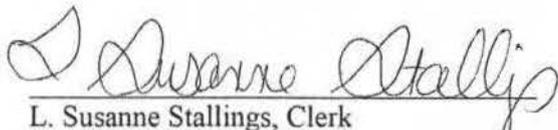
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Town of Edenton within Chowan County and to federally elected officials that represent Chowan County.

This Resolution Concerning Clean Water Act Regulations and U.S. EPA's Definition of "Waters of the U.S." has been adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2014.

  
D. Keith Nixon, Chairman

Attest:

  
L. Susanne Stallings, Clerk

(SEAL)

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**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 cost 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 cost 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

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**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 Carteret County opposes legislation or changes that would further expand federal jurisdiction under the Act; and

**BE IF 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 Carteret 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
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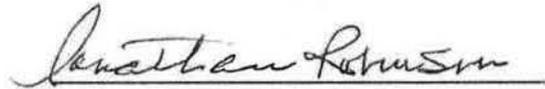
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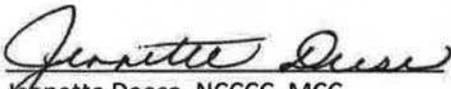
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**ADOPTED**, this the 20<sup>th</sup> of October, 2014.

  
Jonathan Robinson, Chairman  
Carteret County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Jeanette Deese, NCCCC, MCC  
Clerk to the Board



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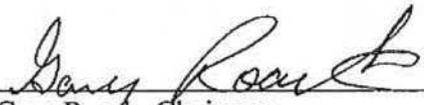
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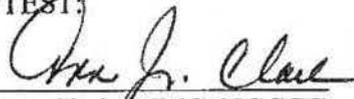
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Ashe County Board of Commissioners encourages other local governments to pass similar resolutions.

Duly adopted this 6th day of October, 2014.

  
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Gary Roark, Chairman  
Ashe County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Ann J. Clark, MMC, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board



# Jredell County

## North Carolina



# Proclamation

*WHEREAS, agriculture is an absolutely necessary sector of our economy and the source of our daily nourishment, and*

*WHEREAS, an affordable and abundant food supply has been largely responsible for health and prosperity, and*

*WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency with the Army Corps of Engineers wish to impose the WOTUS, Waters of the United States rule, and*

*WHEREAS, the WOTUS rule would require farmers to obtain federal permits on land when they are not currently required, and*

*WHEREAS, the WOTUS rule defines portions of farmers' property to be water and regulates it under the federal Clean Water Act and defines water for beyond what is currently required under federal law, and*

*WHEREAS, the proposed rule would expand the definition of water to include dry stream beds, ephemeral waters, depressions, and many other landscape features, even those that may be only wet after a rain, and*

*WHEREAS, the rule affects man made features such as ponds and ditches where water does not have to be present continuously for the land to be designated as water and regulated by these new and onerous rules, and*

*WHEREAS, farmers will incur considerable expense to obtain permits to conduct farming activities in these newly defined areas as water, and*

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## Rowan County Board of Commissioners

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### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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*

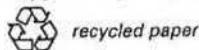
**WHEREAS**, Sgt. Tahmooressi was incarcerated and is still being held in the El Hongo II prison in Tecate, Mexico; *and*

**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.

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

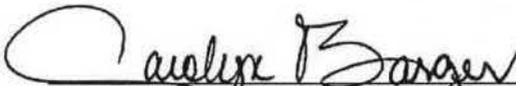
- (1) That the Government of Mexico immediately releases United States Marine Sgt. Andrew Tahmooressi and provides for his swift return to the United States; and
- (2) That the President of the United States immediately utilizes the full powers and authorities of his office and the executive branch of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

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk to the Rowan County 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 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 2014.

ATTEST:

  
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Jim Sides, Chairman  
Rowan County Board of Commissioners

  
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Carolyn Barger, MMC, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board/  
Assistant to the County Manager



**SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: November 3, 2014

ITEM NO. 8

Closed Session

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SUBJECT: 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.

DEPARTMENT: Governing Body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

PURPOSE: N/A

ATTACHMENT(S): N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve September 2, 2014, closed session minutes