



- 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.

Scotland County Board of Commissioners

**SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO.   1  

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Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date August 3, 2015

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SUBJECT: Community report: Presentation on Scotland Arts Council grant

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Ms. Brenda Gilbert and Mr. McNair Evans

PURPOSE: The Scotland Arts Council has received a two-year grant from the NC Arts Council entitled Echode, which will be led by Mr. McNair Evans. Historical documents will be digitized and become part of an interactive website where people can post their own memories and stories.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive information.

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 2

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date August 3, 2015

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SUBJECT: Report from the Schools

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Public Information Officer Meredith Bounds

PURPOSE: Provide an update on various activities at Scotland County Schools.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive information

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 3 A

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Meeting Date August 3, 2015

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SUBJECT: Child Fatality Team 2014 annual report

DEPARTMENT: Health

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Chair Carlotta Rivers

PURPOSE: Provide a report on child deaths in Scotland County from data collected in 2013.

ATTACHMENTS: Annual Report

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive report and approve Child Fatality Prevention Team members

**SCOTLAND COUNTY**

**CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION TEAM'S**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**for Calendar Year 2014**

**from data collected**

**JANUARY 1, 2013 – DECEMBER 31, 2013**

**MOTTO: "LEARNING FROM OUR PAST, TO  
PROTECT OUR FUTURE"**

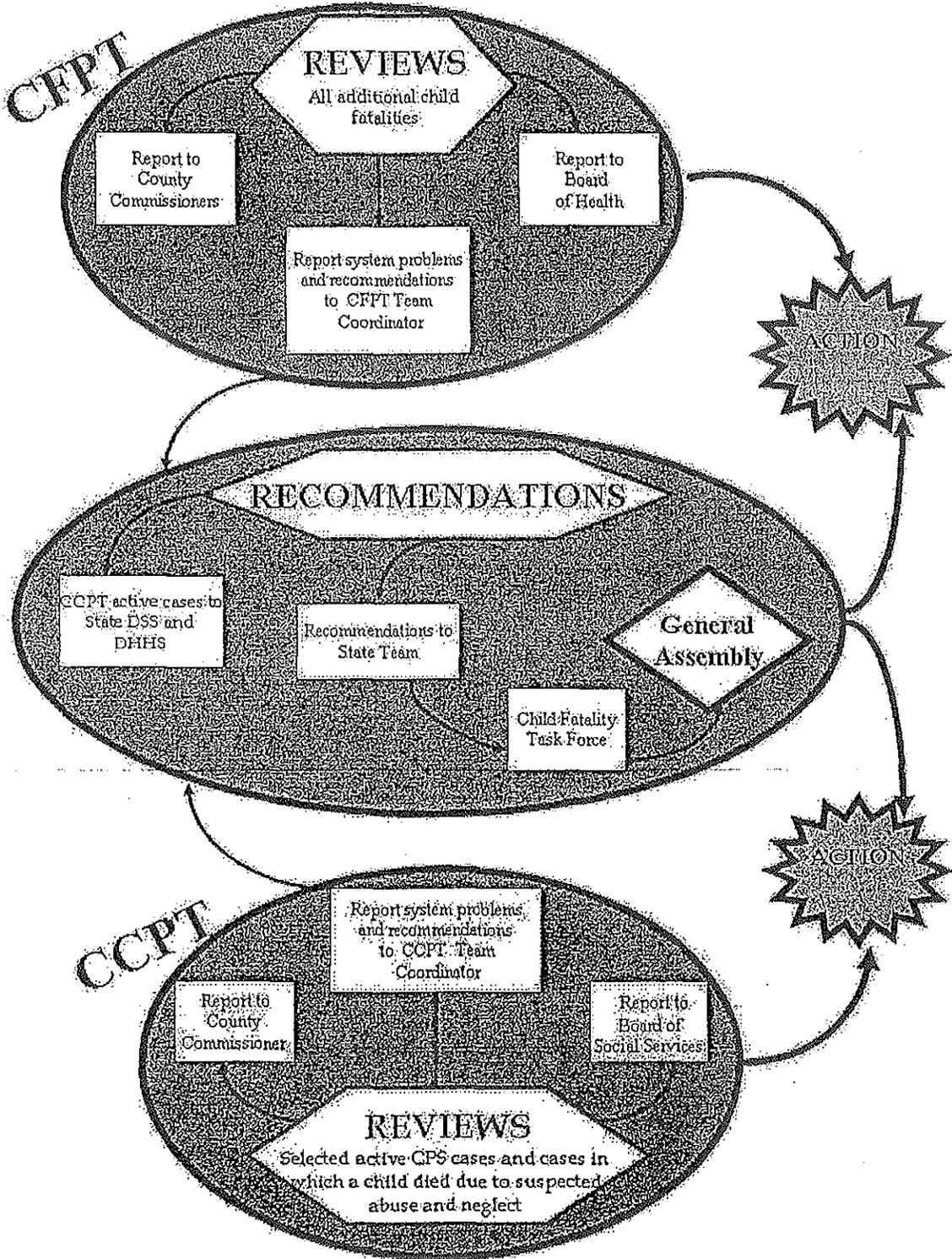
Distinguished Members of the Scotland County Board of Health and  
Board of County Commissioners

In 1993, local CFPT's were established to conduct county-level reviews of non-DSS related child fatalities, identify system problems, and make recommendations locally, and to the State Team that are based on case reviews. Like most counties in North Carolina, Scotland County's local Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT-Health Department) and Community Child Protection Team (CCPT-Department of Social Services) work together as a combined unit to accomplish these tasks. The State requires a minimum of (4) meetings per calendar year, but our local team meets (5) times to ensure this mandate is met. The data being presented is about 15 months old due to the time it takes the North Carolina State Center for Health Statistics to collect, enter, & distribute local data to each county. Regardless of the age of the data, the trends remind us of important issues regarding infant & child safety in Scotland County. These trends highlight the need for your continued support of our efforts & the need to improve the safety & well-being of infants & children in our community. We thank you for your support!

**Learning from our past, to protect our future**

Carlotta Rivers, RN BSN  
Scotland County Child Fatality Prevention Team Chairperson

# CFPT and CCPT Working Together



## Role: The County Board of Commissioners

### 1. Receive annual reports

According to statute, CFPTs submit annual recommendations to the county board of commissioners.

### 2. Appoint members

According to statute, the board of county commissioners appoints the following Members to the CFPT:

- a. A local law enforcement officer,
- b. An emergency medical services provider or firefighter, and
- c. A parent of a child who died before reaching the child's eighteenth birthday.

The board of county commissioners may appoint up to five more members to represent county agencies or the community at large to serve on the local team.

## Role: The County Board of Health

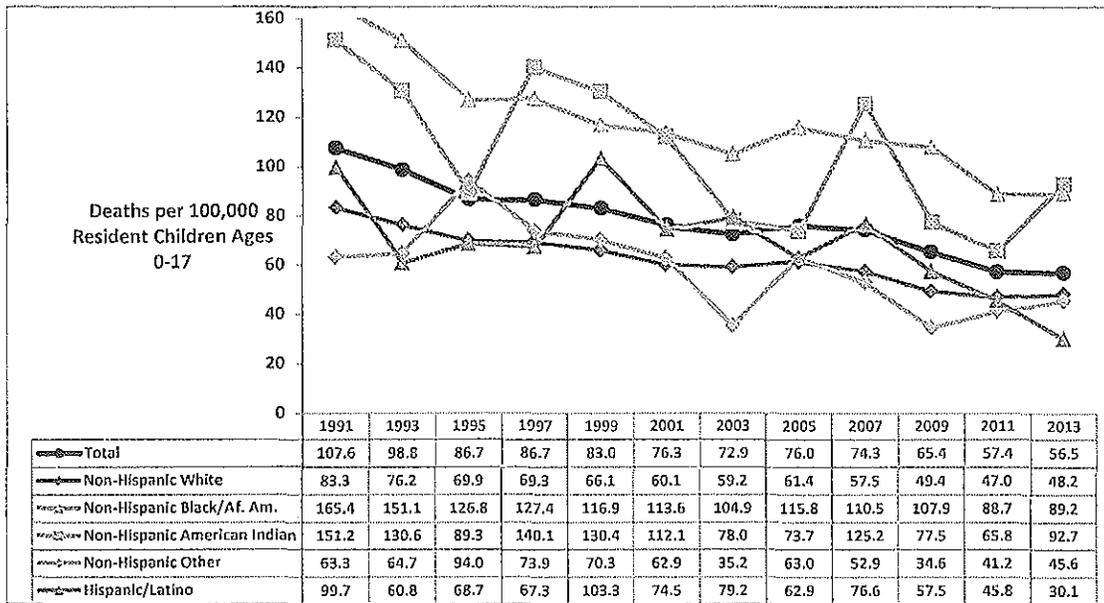
### 1. Receive annual reports

According to statute, the health director reports CFPT activities quarterly to the board of health, or as required by the board.

### 2. Appoint members

According to statute, the board of health appoints a local health care provider to CFPT.

**CHILD DEATHS IN NORTH CAROLINA**  
**1991-2013 Trends in North Carolina Resident Child Death Rates<sup>†</sup>**  
**by Race/Ethnicity, Ages Birth Through 17 Years**



Cause of Death	Age Groups					Total
	Infants	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	
Birth Defects	141	11	3	7	2	164
Perinatal Conditions	469	4	0	1	0	474
SIDS	23	0	0	0	0	23
Illnesses	81	52	50	39	45	267
Unintentional injuries	31	51	29	29	44	184
<i>Motor Vehicle</i>	3	19	17	16	32	87
<i>Drowning</i>	2	11	3	5	2	23
<i>Poisoning</i>	2	1	0	0	6	9
<i>Suffocation/Choking/Strangulation†</i>	20	7	4	2	1	34
<i>Other Unintentional Injuries</i>	4	13	5	6	3	31
Homicide	8	6	1	4	20	39
Suicide	0	0	0	12	22	34
All Other	79	13	1	6	8	107
<b>Total</b>	<b>832</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>1292</b>
Percent of total	64.4	10.6	6.5	7.6	10.9	100.0

Year	Age Groups				Total
	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-17	
2009-2013	164.2	12.4	14.6	39.3	59.1
2009	182.0	13.3	13.4	42.7	65.4
2010	159.3	10.2	13.9	39.5	57.5
2011	157.5	13.2	14.8	38.4	57.4
2012	163.8	12.0	15.9	38.3	58.6
2013	158.3	13.0	15.1	37.3	56.5

<sup>†</sup> Child death rates prior to 2013 have been recalculated using the latest available population data from the Vintage 2013 Postcensal, 2010 Census, & 1990-2009 intercensal estimates of the National Center for Health Statistics. As a result, rates presented here may differ slightly from earlier reports due to revised population denominators.

<sup>†</sup> Includes suffocation & strangulation in bed (41.4%), unspecified threats to breathing (23.0%), inhalation & ingestion of other objects causing obstruction of respiratory tract (9.2%), hanging & strangulation (8.6%), and other specified threats to breathing (7.5%).

Scotland County		North Carolina	
Infant Mortality Rates:		Infant Mortality Rates:	
1998	10.4	1998	9.3
1999	21.4	1999	9.1
2000	5.5	2000	8.6
2001	17.8	2001	8.5
2002	10.1	2002	8.2
2003	8.2	2003	8.2
2004	20.7	2004	8.8
2005	14.3	2005	8.8
2006	3.7	2006	8.1
2007	12.5	2007	8.5
2008	9.7	2008	8.2
2009	6.1	2009	7.9
2010	11.9	2010	7.0
2011	15.3	2011	7.2
2012	15.4	2012	7.4
2013	4.5	2013	7.0
2009-2013 Rate	10.6	2009-2013 Rate	7.3

Infant deaths (under 1 year of age) per 1,000 live births  
Source: NC State Center for Health Statistics website

**Summary of Cases Reviewed/Causes of Death:**

(2 cases reviewed in calendar year 2014- deaths occurred in 2013)

(1) – death of a newborn, related to polycystic kidney disease (unspecified); pneumothorax originating in the perinatal period; & hypoplasia & dysplasia of the lung  
Recommendations: none

(1) – death of a newborn, related to form of placenta separation; & syndrome of a diabetic mother  
Recommendations: none

## Scotland County Child Fatality Prevention Team

### Activities and Accomplishments

2014-2015

- 1. Car Seat Distribution & Installation Training-** ongoing process in our Health Department; have 2 nationally certified passenger safety technicians who educate clients and their families, as well as, the public- by appointment, about the proper installation and use of car seats. In the past, car seats have been available through the Safe Kids Buckle-Up Car Seat Distribution Program for financially-assisted families with demonstrated need- recipients of WIC, Medicaid, WFFA (Work First Family Assistance), and/or SSI. Presently, none are available through this program due to budget cuts.
- 2. CFPT/CCPT Committee-** members of the CFPT (Child Fatality Prevention Team) and CCPT (Child Community Prevention Team) groups meet jointly and work together on case reviews. Representatives are from a variety of public and non-public agencies and community.
- 3. CFPT/CCPT Sub-Committee-** the focus of this group continues to plan & implement public awareness and education campaigns that serve to decrease incidences of child fatalities (i.e.- safe sleep with infants & domestic violence). During these meetings, strategies and interventions are discussed and developed, & members accept responsibility for specific tasks, in order to execute these plans. Sub-committee meetings are held as needed. This sub-group is comprised of mostly Health Department, DSS, & Scotland County Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center Staff.
- 4. Safe Sleep Promotion-** this public awareness topic has been a continuation campaign since 2012 & the team feels that previous activities (anti-co-sleeping billboard) & current efforts sponsored through collaboration with other HD programs, have contributed to the community's conscientiousness about infant safe sleep. A brief, but powerful video, about Safe Sleep continues to be shown during SCHD's Parenting Class on a monthly basis & through a collaborative effort with the Women's Services unit at Scotland Memorial Hospital to postpartum mothers, prior to discharge. Back-to-Sleep/Safe Sleep information is also a part of the educational requirement for Scotland County public residents who are identified by DSS staff, as needing a Pack-N-Play.

5. **Support of the Scotland County Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center-** in December 2014, the Health Department sponsored a drive to collect items needed by shelter residents: non-perishable food items, personal care items for adults & children. These items were delivered there by myself & Betsey Ellerbe, the SW Supervisor at the HD.
  
6. **“Are You a Real Man” Posters-** a trend noted by the committee upon cases reviewed by both teams, is that incidences of child death by assault or child abuse/negligence, were perpetrated by males in the household. So, the subcommittee decided to develop a poster to be placed at strategic locations that could easily be viewed by males, which would get their attention, & encourage safe, proactive involvement of men in the lives of children. We choose locations such as churches, public buildings, barber shops, etc. The poster was designed by DSS intern, Sharetha Maniece-Barrios, a UNC-P student.

## Carlotta Rivers

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**From:** Edwards, Brenda <brenda.edwards@dhhs.nc.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 02, 2015 1:58 PM  
**To:** Carlotta Rivers (crivers@scotlandcounty.org)  
**Subject:** Scotland County CFPT F/U letter to site visit

Carlotta Rivers, Chairperson  
Scotland County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT)

Dear Ms. Rivers,

It was a pleasure to meet you, Ms. Wyke, and the other members of the Scotland County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CFPT) during my visit on January 21, 2015. It was also a pleasure to meet Ms. Maria Roberts as the in-coming Chair as of May 2015. I look forward to working with her and Ms. Wyke in the future.

I applaud the dedication of the Scotland County CFPT to conduct thorough reviews in order to seek ways to prevent child deaths and to keep children safe in Scotland County and North Carolina as a whole.

As part of this letter I would like to reiterate some of the discussion at the meeting:

- 1) Scotland County CFPT has always had a stellar record with recruitment but especially with retaining dedicated members. Thank you.
- 2) I enjoyed the round-robin held during the meeting. This was an excellent way for members of the team to share information about programs, projects and other educational announcements about their agencies but also about your community at-large.
- 3) What a great idea for a community back-to-sleep project-distributing posters that outlined six important things men can do for their children such as read to them, not sharing beds with infants, having patience with your baby and, always being a part of a child's life. I love the poster and have it hanging in my office.
- 4) The four page Confidential Local Child Fatality Prevention Team reports are to be completed for child deaths that receive a review by the full team. The cover sheet will continue to come in your quarterly packet via certified mail. Local teams meeting on a regular basis and sending their completed four-page confidential report forms is a requirement of the Agreement Addendum and the accreditation process between the local health department and the Division of Public Health. Local teams who do not meet on a regular basis or send their reports in as required risk having their health department accreditation letters delayed.
- 5) Completed full-team CFPT reports as well as the Tracking form can be sent to me via email. Many local teams scan their reports, convert to them .pdf files and send them via email as attachments. Access to my computer is password protected but in order for me to open the attachments please make sure a password is sent to me.

Both you and Ms. Wyke continue to do a great job as the Chairperson and Review Coordinator, keeping everyone on track and skillfully managing the flow all of the correspondence and reports that are received. I look forward to working with Ms. Roberts and Ms. Wyke.

I wish you well Carlotta with the new endeavors with your job at the Scotland County Health Department. Thank you for a great meeting. Again, it was a pleasure to meet everyone. I have enjoyed my professional association with this team,

its staff and its members. I look forward to visiting the team again in the future. I can be reached at 919.707.5623 or [Brenda.Edwards@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:Brenda.Edwards@dhhs.nc.gov).

Sincerely,

Brenda Edwards, MSW  
Team Coordinator for Local CFPTs

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State CFPT Coordinator, Children and Youth Branch; Division of Public Health  
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## **2015 Scotland County Child Fatality Members**

**Jennifer Byrd**, DSS Supervisor

**Shawn Chavis & Larry Bowman**, Law Enforcement Officers

**Sandy Connor**, DSS Supervisor

**Betsey Ellerbe**, SW Supervisor-Health Department

**Renada Emanuel**, Mental Health Worker

**Dr. Thomas French**, Certified Medical Examiner

**Priscilla Graham**, Daycare Provider, Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

**Pam Gooden**, Additional Member

**Roylin Hammonds**, EMS Director

**Yamika Harley**, Department of Juvenile Justice

**Amanda Martin**, DSS Supervisor

**Felicia McCall**, Social Worker-Health Department

\_\_\_\_\_, Chief District Court Judge

**Tom Landry**, Guardian Ad Litem

\_\_\_\_\_, Director of Community Action Agency

**Wayne Raynor**, Interim Health Director-Health Department

**Carlotta Rivers, RN BSN**, Chairperson-Health Department

**Maria Roberts, RN BSN**, Succeeding Chairperson for 2016-Health Department

**April Snead**, Department of Social Services Director

**Jamie Synan**, School System Representative

**Beth Taylor**, Director of the Scotland County Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center

**Tanya Williams**, Parent of a Child Who Died Prior to Age 18

**Heather Wyke**, Review Coordinator-Health Department

# North Carolina Child Fatality Task Force

## Non-Standing Committee

- Visit the Committee's website
- Authority: G.S. 7B-1402; SL98-202; SB 1260

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SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 3 B

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Meeting Date August 3, 2015

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SUBJECT: Community Child Protection Team 2014 annual report

DEPARTMENT: DSS

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: CCPT member April Snead

ATTACHMENT: 2014 Annual Report

PURPOSE: Discuss Children Services cases reviewed in 2014 and recommendations as a result of the reviews.

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATION: Approve 2015 Child Community Protection Team members

**Scotland County  
Community Child Protection Team**

**2014 Annual Report**

**August 3, 2015**

**SCOTLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

P.O. Box 1647 - Government Complex - 1405 West Boulevard  
Laurinburg, North Carolina 28353-1647

April Snead, MPM, Director

Telephone: (910) 277-2500

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Scotland County Board of County Commissioners:

During 2014, Scotland County Community Child Protection Team (CCPT) meetings were held in conjunction with the Scotland County Child Fatality Prevention Team (CCFP). As members of each team are duplicated, joint meetings were held on 1/15/14, 3/19/14, 5/21/14, 8/26/14, and 10/15/14. Over calendar year 2014, seven cases were presented to CCPT from the Children Services unit of Scotland County Department of Social Services. Recommendations were provided from team members for individuals in the cases based on their contributory factors related to findings of neglect and/or abuse. Recommendations were also made for the community, based on problematic trends identified in the case reviews.

To address community recommendations and initiatives suggested by CCPT and CFPT members, a joint subcommittee consisting of members from CCPT and CFPT held additional meetings throughout the year. During 2014 this subcommittee forged campaigns on co-sleeping, child neglect and abuse awareness and prevention, and domestic violence.

During the upcoming CCPT year, the team will continue to work in conjunction with CFPT on a co-sleeping campaign placing emphasis on secondary caregivers, child neglect and abuse awareness, and domestic violence awareness and prevention.

Respectfully Submitted,

April Snead, MPM  
Scotland County Department of Social Services  
Community Child Protection Team

## **Scotland County Community Child Protection Team Case Presentation**

Eight cases were presented by Child Protective Services staff and reviewed by CCPT members for recommendations during the 2014 CCPT year. Of the seven cases presented two had primary issues of substance abuse within the family, one was based on physical abuse, one was based on improper discipline, and three were based on improper supervision. One of the improper discipline cases was presented twice as an update to the team. It should be noted that each case may have had several contributory factors resulting in neglect identified in addition to the primary contributing factor. No fatality reviews were held through the North Carolina Division of Health and Human services in 2014.

### **January 15, 2014**

Case presented as neglect based on improper supervision. Recommendations included continued placement at Florence Crittenton for placement and pre-natal care.

### **March 19, 2014**

Case presented as Physical Abuse. Contributory factors included mental health needs. Recommendations included continued DSS case management and mental health services.

An update was also presented on this date to the prior month's improper supervision case.

### **May 21, 2014**

Case was presented as neglect based on improper supervision. Contributory factors included mental health needs. Recommendations included filing a petition.

### **August 26, 2014**

Case was presented as neglect based on improper supervision. No other recommendations were made at that time.

### **October 15, 2014**

Case 1. Case was presented as neglect based on substance abuse. Recommendations included substance abuse services and DSS case management.

Case 2. Case was presented as neglect based on substance abuse. Recommendations included continued DSS case management services, substance abuse services, mental health treatment, and parenting skills training.

## **Community Child Protection Team Activities from 2014**

1. In conjunction with CFPT a safe sleep promotion has been a continuing campaign since 2012 and the team feels that previous activities (anti-co-sleeping billboard) and current efforts sponsored through collaboration with other programs have contributed to the community's conscientiousness about infant safe sleep. A brief, but powerful video about safe sleep continues to be shown during parenting classes on a monthly basis and through collaborative efforts at Scotland County Hospital to postpartum Mother's prior to discharge. Back-to-sleep information is also provided to Scotland County residents identified by DSS staff who need a Pack-N-Play.

2. In order to increase awareness of child abuse and educate on child abuse prevention, a special event was held at the agency for the community. The Children Services Unit held a balloon release ceremony and served refreshments. Guest speakers included the Mayor recognizing April as Child Abuse Prevention month.

3. CFPT/CCPT (Child Fatality Prevention Team/Child Community Protection Team) meet jointly and work together on case reviews. Representatives are from a variety of public and non-public agencies and community.

**2015 Child Community Protection Team Members**  
**List all CCPT members. Submit the list of CCPT members to the Division**

Scotland  
**COUNTY**

January 2015  
**DATE**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Agency Representing</b>	<b>Date of Membership</b>
April Snead	Scotland County DSS Post Office Box 1647 Laurinburg, North Carolina 28353	Social Services Director 277-2525 ext. 3456	11/2006
Sandy Connor	Scotland County DSS Post Office Box 1647 Laurinburg, North Carolina 28353	Social Services Program Manager 277-2525 ext. 3371	8/2014
Amanda Martin Chairperson	Scotland County DSS Post Office Box 1647 Laurinburg, North Carolina 28353	Social Services Supervisor 277-2525 ext. 3371	3/2014
Shawn Chavis	Laurinburg Police Department Post Office Box 909 Laurinburg, North Carolina 28353	Law Enforcement 291-1757	3/2014
Kristy Newton	Scotland County Courthouse 212 Biggs Street Laurinburg, NC 28352	District Attorney 875-9632	12/2000
Tammy Slaughter	Hospice of Scotland County PO Box 1033 Laurinburg, NC 28352	Hospice of Scotland County (Community at Large) 276-7176	05/2014
Madeline Peele	5061 Main Street Gibson, NC 28343	Social Services Board Member 268-4467	03/2006
Thomas Landry	Scotland County Courthouse PO Box 769 Laurinburg, NC 28352	Guardian Ad Litem 266-4530	01/2015
Benji Hair	Public Health Department Post Office Box 69 Laurinburg, North Carolina 28353	Health Director 277-2440	8/2015
Dr. Currie Howard	Purcell Clinic 418 King Street	Health Care Provider	02/2004

	Laurinburg, NC 28352	276-7570	
Roylin Hammond	Scotland Co. Emergency Services Post Office Box 1407 Laurinburg, North Carolina 28353	Emergency Medical Services 276-1313	06/1995
Judge Scott Brewer	Scotland County Courthouse 212 Biggs Street. Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352	District Court Judge 266-4575	5/2015
Bettie McNair	Post Office Box 253 Laurinburg, North Carolina 28353	Community Rep. 276-4345	04/1995
Carlotta Rivers	Public Health Department PO Box 69 Laurinburg, NC 28353	Public Health Maternal /Child Health Supervisor 277-2440	08/2001
Tanya Williams	12760 Birchwood Circle Laurinburg, NC 28352	Parent of Child Who Died 277-0949	2011
Dr. Thomas French	Medical Examiner 13380 Sycamore Lane Laurinburg, NC 28352	Local Medical Examiner 276-9070	05/2006
Beth Taylor	Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis Center PO Box 2130 Laurinburg, NC 28353	Domestic Violence 276-6268	2012
Tamara Davison	Scotland County Schools 322 South Main Street Laurinburg, NC 28352	Local School 276-1138	08/2007
Rikki Bullard	Eastpointe LME 450 Country Club Rd Lumberton, NC 28360	LME Systems of Care 272-1543	5/2013

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 4

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Meeting Date August 3, 2015

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SUBJECT: Settlement for Current Year Taxes

DEPARTMENT: Tax

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Tax Administrator Mary Helen Norton

PURPOSE: Provide information on current year and delinquent taxes

ATTACHMENTS: Settlement for current year and delinquent taxes

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Approve settlement for current year and delinquent taxes



MARY HELEN NORTON  
TAX ADMINISTRATOR  
(910) 277-2566

# County of Scotland

## **TAX DEPARTMENT**

212 BIGGS STREET  
POST OFFICE BOX 488  
LAURINBURG, NORTH CAROLINA 28353



MARTY PATE  
TAX COLLECTOR  
(910) 277-2566

**DATE:** July 20, 2015

**TO:** Scotland County Board of Commissioners

**FROM:** Mary Helen Norton, Tax Administrator

### SETTLEMENT FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES JUNE 30, 2015

#### **CHARGES TO TAX COLLECTOR**

County/Fire Taxes	\$20,319,202.29
Late Listing Penalties	22,336.08
Interest, Garnishment Fees	76,133.57
Real Estate Taxes, Motor Vehicle, Fees, Interest – All Cities	271,779.73
Total	<u>\$20,689,451.67</u>

#### **CREDITS TO TAX COLLECTOR**

All Sums Deposited	\$19,354,123.85
Discounts Allowed	98,605.34
Releases – County/Fire	163,606.99
Releases due to acquisition of foreclosure properties	4,698.86
Accounts Receivable – 6-30-15	1,068,416.63
Total	<u>\$20,689,451.67</u>

SETTLEMENT FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

June 30, 2015 (All Prior Years)

**CHARGES TO TAX COLLECTOR**

Delinquent Taxes – 6-30-14	\$4,295,244.49
Late Listing Penalties and Other Fees	61,409.42
Interest	228,833.23
Total	<u>\$4,585,487.14</u>

**CREDITS TO TAX COLLECTOR**

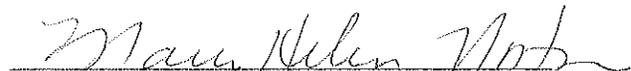
Sums Deposited	\$1,548,062.76
Releases	163,036.86
Releases due to acquisition of foreclosure properties	41,146.33
Write offs (Per Prop & MV 2000-2004)	172,175.28
Accounts Receivable – All Prior Years at 6-30-15	2,661,065.91
Total	<u>\$4,585,487.14</u>

In compliance with N.C.G.S. 105-373(a)(3) hereto is a report entitled “Settlement for Current Year Taxes” and “Settlement for Delinquent Taxes”, setting forth my full settlement for all taxes placed in my hands for collection for the fiscal year 2014-2015.

Further, I hereby certify that we have made diligent efforts to collect the taxes due in a manner that is reasonably necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Marty Pate, Tax Collector

  
Mary Helen Norton, Tax Administrator

## Addendum to 2014 Tax Settlement

### MV Taxes Collected - Tag & Tax Together

Tax Revenue - County	\$	2,271,835
Interest Revenue	\$	24,318
Total Revenue	\$	2,296,153
Less fees - CC & LPA	\$	(66,728)
Net Revenue	\$	2,229,425
Net Revenue - Fire	\$	49,975
Net Revenue - Cities	\$	423,626

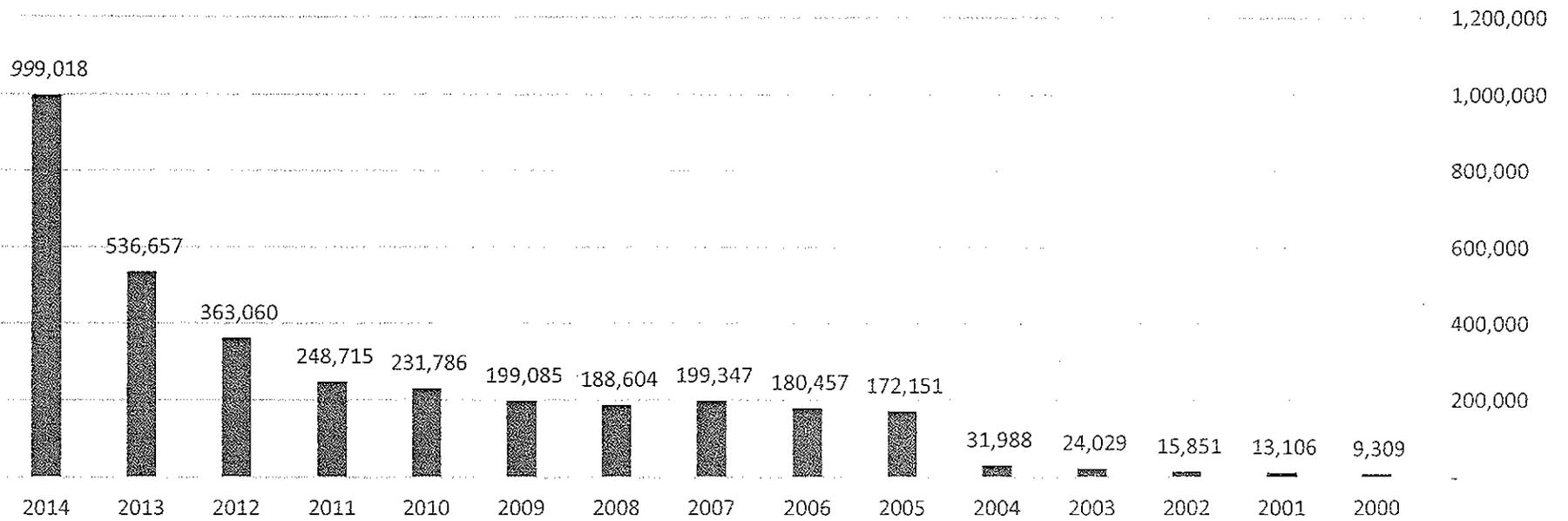
### Estimate of taxes paid on Zacchaeus Accounts

Includes tax, fire, interest and applicable cities

2014	\$	31,596	
2013	\$	37,102	
2012	\$	41,924	
2011	\$	39,848	
2010	\$	33,025	
2009	\$	22,460	
2008	\$	15,491	
2007	\$	9,499	
2006	\$	3,920	
2005	\$	4,011	
2004	\$	1,141	
2003	\$	650	
2002	\$	302	
2001	\$	1,105	
2000	\$	43	
	\$	242,116	Total paid
	\$	1,544,045	Total paid-prior F/Y's
	\$	1,786,161	Estimate of tax paid since inception of program- Oct 2010

Approximate number of delinquent notices mailed	6,300
Approximate number of garnishments issued	2,000
Approximate number of signed paym agreements	250
Numerous personalized letters mailed	
Approximate amount collected from garnishments	\$ 437,000
Approximate amount collected from debt set-off	\$ 8,200

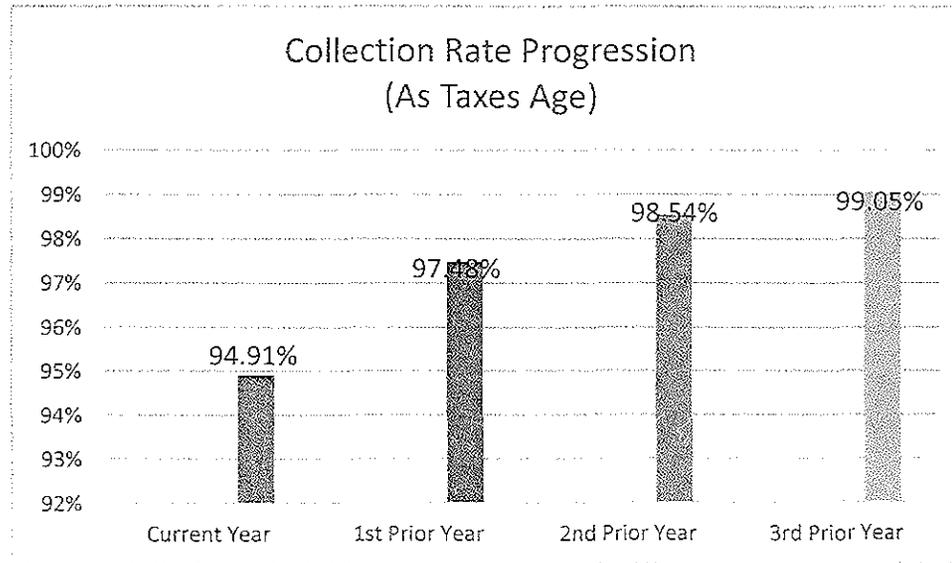
### Outstanding County Taxes As of 06/30/15



Summary - Collection rate progression as taxes age

6/30/2015

Current Year	94.91%
1st Prior Year	97.48%
2nd Prior Year	98.54%
3rd Prior Year	99.05%



Status of accounts with Zacchaeus Legal Services

Scotland County				
	Parcels Turned Over	Settled Before & After Suit	Filed and Active	Unfiled and Active
1st Assignment	121	81	27	13
2nd Assignment	102	53	37	12
3rd Assignment	99	44	35	20
4th Assignment	88	33	27	28
5th Assignment	114	46	31	37
6th Assignment	109	51	43	15
7th Assignment	102	76	17	9
8th Assignment	97	41	41	15
9th Assignment	32	10	12	10
10th Assignment	48	29	13	6
11th Assignment	56	45	6	5
12th Assignment	22	15	4	3
13th Assignment	45	21	10	14
14th Assignment	57	28	7	22
15th Assignment	30	18	5	7
16th Assignment	33	13	6	14
17th Assignment	25	9	3	13
18th Assignment	52	24	13	15
19th Assignment	110	20	39	51
20th Assignment	55	1	0	54
Total	1397	658	376	363

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 5

       Information

       Action Item

  X   Consent Agenda

Meeting Date August 3, 2015

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SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

DEPARTMENT: Administration/Multiple

a) Approve minutes of the June 22, 2015 reconvened meeting; July 6, 2015 regular meeting and July 8, 2015 special meeting.

b) Approve Public Works request to surplus a 1977 REX 370 Compactor, Serial#HFR-192-T and a 1995 Ford Super Duty Truck, VIN#1FDLF47F9SEA34761.

c) Budget Amendments:

1. DSS: Approve carryover of unexpended adoption funds in the amount of \$99,883, which were awarded in the previous year, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to expend the monies. No County dollars.
2. Emergency Management: Approve rollover funds from FY 2015 to FY 2016 in the amount of \$18,699, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to expend the monies. No County dollars.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive recommendations and consider action

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Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Guy McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners John Alford and Whit Gibson. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioners Bob Davis (*excused*), Betty Blue Gholston (*excused*) and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, Finance Officer Beth Hobbs, County Attorney Ed Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman

At 7 p.m. Chairman McCook reconvened the meeting and offered an invocation.

**Public Forum**

No one came forward to speak.

**Review: FY 2015-2016 Budget Plan**

County Manager Patterson recommended a 2015-2016 budget at \$40,421,097 with a tax rate of \$1.03 per 100 valuation. Mr. Patterson said the figure does not include major capital items previously discussed. It includes a one percent COLA for County employees. The budget also includes a step plan for employees on or below a step 9 who have no disciplinary action or no open corrective action plan. Mr. Patterson said the step plan impacts 96 employees, which is more who qualify than originally stated. Mr. Patterson said people on grade for five years or more would receive a one step increase at 2.5 percent. Those on grade for 10 years or more would receive a two-step increase at five percent. Both plans would not exceed step 9. Mr. Patterson said the step plan addresses salary compression.

Mr. Patterson said the 2016 budget includes availability fees, which are \$55 inside a municipality and \$85 outside municipal boundaries. Mr. Patterson addressed questions about another option, which would be to close the landfill. The County Manager gave a summary of solid waste operations and cash flow. The transfer station has a positive cash flow. The C&D landfill, leaf and limb and convenience sites have a negative cash flow. Scrap tire shows a small gain. Mr. Patterson said capital and debt service are projected to have a cash loss. In all, there would be a \$148,436 negative cash loss in 2015 from solid waste operations.

Mr. Patterson then discussed whether closing the landfill now would save money. Mr. Patterson calculated it would cost 50 percent more to close the landfill now than to close it at capacity because there would be a greater area to close. Closing the landfill now would eliminate one position, the need the compactor and \$50,000 a year for testing at the landfill. It would save \$106,000 a year. Mr. Patterson said taking all material to the transfer station would generate \$65,000 a year, but taking it to Uhwarrie for disposal, post closure testing and monitoring would cost an additional \$254,000. Mr. Patterson estimated the loss would increase by \$80,000 a year. Mr. Patterson said the current rate with Uhwarrie might not be as favorable when the contract expires.

The County Manager recommended approval of availability fees as discussed to dispose of trash that is generated in the County. Mr. Patterson also recommended engineers G.N. Richardson

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review the entire solid waste plan to develop long term options that could be discussed at the mid-year retreat.

Commissioner Gibson asked if at some point there would be an offsetting reduction in the tax rate. Mr. Patterson said losses in the solid waste program have been eating away at fund balance. It's never been in the current tax levy. Mr. Patterson said availability fees would help put the general fund in positive position, but there will be no immediate direct correlation in the tax rate. Commissioner Gibson suggested the governing board ought to work toward a reduction in the tax rate.

**Capital Plan discussion**

Mr. Patterson said large capital items that are in the budget include an ambulance, tax server, five Sheriff vehicles and a plat copier. Major capital not in the budget for an additional \$450,000 include the Morgan Center project, courthouse chiller, library fascia and Laurel Hill Community Center roof. Mr. Patterson recommended that \$450,000 be added as an appropriation of fund balance in a contingency line item, which cannot be spent unless the board specifically releases the funds. Mr. Patterson said he would not have a specific number on the Morgan Center project until the end of the month.

**Long term options for Water Districts fee plan**

Mr. Patterson recommended a 15 percent increase in current water rates through the entire rate structure, which would increase the average bill from \$28 a month to \$33 a month. Mr. Patterson said the increase would put the Water Districts in a neutral cash position. He said there still would be a loss in the Water Districts on full accrual, which needs to be corrected.

Mr. Patterson said a targeted increase in water rates at 35 percent would put the County in a positive cash position and a very slight increase in accrual basis with a three to five year plan.

Mr. Patterson recommended the Commissioners approve a 2015-2016 budget ordinance with \$450,000 of additional capital from fund balance. The \$40,871,097 budget ordinance would include availability fees in the amount of \$55 in municipalities and \$85 outside municipalities and an increase in water rates of 15 percent across the board. Availability fees would include a reduction for those with Homestead Exemption and elimination of fees at the convenience sites and a comparable at the landfill itself.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve the FY 2015-2016 Budget Ordinance at \$40,871,097 and \$1.03 on the tax rate, which includes availability fees and increased water rate fees as outlined. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Chairman McCook said the Commissioners take this part of their job very seriously. He said while the cost of living might be cheaper in Scotland County than elsewhere, the Commissioners still understand it is difficult for everyone. Chairman McCook said although the decision is difficult the County must pay the cost of these services now and not pass the cost to future residents down the road.

**Consent Agenda:**

- 1) Decline request by Richmond Community College to assume ownership of the Purcell Building.
- 2) Approve construction of laundry facility at Scotland High School.

**Budget Amendments:**

- a) **Sheriff:** Approve receipt of additional funding for FY 2015 in the amount of \$36,000 for a School Resource Officer (SRO), and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the monies. No County dollars.
- b) **Transportation:** Approve 90 percent reimbursement in the amount of \$137,781 from the State for FY 13/14 for the purchase of a van, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies.
- c) **Transportation:** Approve increase in funds and anticipated funds in the amount of \$47,000 for FY 2015, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies and expend as necessary.
- d) **Inspections:** Approve increase in funds and anticipated funds in the amount of \$33,300, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies and expend as necessary.
- e) **Planning and Zoning:** Approve increase in revenues in the amount of \$1,500, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies and expend as necessary.
- f) **Scotland County Schools:** Approve reallocated capital dollars for the following projects: Central Office Roof, \$150,000; South Scotland Roof, \$57,000; SHS HVA Controls, \$250,000. *(The other attached local capital outlay documents are for information).*
- g) **Parks and Recreation:** Approve increase in revenues and anticipated funding in the amount of \$31,946, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies and expend as necessary.
- h) **Library:** Approve increase in revenues in the amount of \$8,236, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies and expend as necessary.
- i) **Humane Society:** Approve increase in revenues in the amount of \$2,620, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies and expend as necessary.
- j) **JCPC Program:** Approve decrease in budgeted revenues in the amount of \$47,672, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary adjustment.
- k) **Health:** Approve increase in revenues in the amount of \$17,000, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies and expend as necessary.
- l) **Fire Districts:** Approve increase in revenues and anticipated funding in the amount of \$215,000, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies and expend as necessary.
- m) **FCC Project:** Approve grant funding in the amount of \$2,500,000, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies and expend as necessary.

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n) **Water Districts:** Approve increase in revenues in the amount of \$15,900, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies and expend as necessary.

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

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman  
 Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook  
 Chairman

**SCOTLAND COUNTY, NC, BUDGET ORDINANCE**

**JULY 1, 2015 – JUNE 30, 2016**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF SCOTLAND COUNTY,  
 NORTH CAROLINA**

<b><u>SECTION 1. GENERAL EXPENDITURES</u></b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Subtotals</b>
<b><u>General Government</u></b>		
Governing Body	69,263	
Administration	690,010	
Board of Elections	243,403	
Tax Department	883,968	
Legal	39,125	
Register of Deeds	268,537	
Court Facilities	-	
Inspections	314,083	
Planning and Zoning	4,661	
General Services	465,065	
Information Technology	305,444	
Public Buildings	1,395,627	
<i>Subtotal</i>		4,679,186
<b><u>Law Enforcement</u></b>		
Sheriff's Department	2,935,088	
Jail	1,794,127	
Drug Fund	10,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>		4,739,215
<b><u>Emergency Services</u></b>		
Emergency Medical Services	2,012,158	
911 Center	962,234	
<i>Subtotal</i>		2,974,392
<b><u>Health and Human Services</u></b>		

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Health Department	2,566,278	
Department of Social Services	8,464,138	
Veteran Service Office	53,595	
Transportation	522,458	
<i>Subtotal</i>		11,606,469
<u><i>Cultural &amp; Recreational Activities</i></u>		
Parks and Recreation	457,171	
Laurel Hill Community Center	36,969	
Splash Pad	24,345	
Recreation Complex	64,695	
Wagram Rec Complex	122,812	
Adult Athletics and Senior Events	22,320	
Scotland Memorial Library -- Local	447,650	
Historic Properties	18,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>		1,193,962
<u><i>Contributory Allocations</i></u>		
<u><b>Economic Development:</b></u>		
Incentive Grants	874,099	
Southeastern Economic Development Corporation	3,254	
<i>Subtotal</i>		877,353
<u><b>Government Related:</b></u>		
Criminal Justice Grant	-	
Rescue Squad	31,275	
Medical Examiner	30,000	
Forestry Service	99,896	
Cooperative Extension	157,808	
Soil Conservation	72,615	
Richmond Community College	281,407	
Lumber River Council of Governments	26,293	
JCPC Pass Through Funding	152,332	
Mental Health -- Local Funds	72,920	
ABC Bottle Tax	6,500	
Home Community Care Block Grant -- LRCOG	-	
<i>Subtotal</i>		931,046
<u><b>Non-Government Related:</b></u>		
Humane Society	120,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>		120,000

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<b><u>Reserves:</u></b>		
Revaluation Reserve	75,000	
<i>Subtotal</i>		75,000

<b><u>Debt Service:</u></b>		
Debt Service	79,473	
<i>Subtotal</i>		79,473

**TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES:** 27,276,096

**SECTION 2. SCHOOL FUNDING**

*Expenditures*

*The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the School Fund for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016*

<b>School Funding Formula</b>		
	10,826,612	
Capital Expenditures	300,000	
Lottery Funded Capital Expenditures	124,000	
Debt Service	1,529,156	
Fines & Forfeitures Pass Through	275,000	
Early College Program	75,000	
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL EXPENDITURES:</b>		13,129,768

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES (GENERAL AND SCHOOL EXPENDITURES):** 40,405,864

**SECTION 3. GENERAL FUND REVENUES**

*It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016:*

Property Taxes - Undesignated	22,064,245	
Property Taxes - Designated	803,418	
Local Option Sales Tax – Unrestricted	4,461,366	
Local Option Sales Tax – Restricted	1,165,990	
User Fees and Unrestricted Intergovernmental Revenues	4,032,928	
Restricted Intergovernmental Revenues	7,877,917	
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES:</b>		40,405,864

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**SECTION 4. SOLID WASTE FUND**

**Expenditures**

*The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Personnel</b>	487,737	
	<b>Operating Expense</b>	1,047,939	
	<b>Capital Outlay</b>	105,000	
	<b>Debt Service</b>	69,324	
<b>TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>			1,710,000

**Revenue**

*It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Sale of Recyclables and Tipping Fees</b>	1,616,000	
	<b>State White Goods/Tire Fees</b>	80,000	
	<b>Interfund Transfer</b>	14,000	
<b>TOTAL SOLID WASTE FUND REVENUES:</b>			1,710,000

**SECTION 5. WATER DISTRICT I**

**Expenditures**

*The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water District I Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Personnel</b>	45,011	
	<b>Operating Expense</b>	529,075	
	<b>Capital Outlay</b>	-	
	<b>Debt Service</b>	125,695	
<b>TOTAL WATER DISTRICT I FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>			699,781

**Revenue**

*It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water District I Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Water Sales and Tap Fees</b>	685,000	
	<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	14,781	
<b>TOTAL WATER DISTRICT I FUND REVENUE:</b>			699,781

**SECTION 6. WATER DISTRICT II**

**Expenditures**

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*The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water District II Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Operating Expense</b>	334,373	
	<b>Capital Outlay</b>	-	
	<b>Debt Service</b>	278,762	
<b>TOTAL WATER DISTRICT II FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>			613,135

**Revenue**

*It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water District II Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Water Sales and Tap Fees</b>	586,316	
	<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	26,819	
<b>TOTAL WATER DISTRICT II FUND REVENUE:</b>			613,135

**SECTION 7. FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT**

**Expenditures**

*The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire Service District Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Operating Expense</b>	350,000	
	<b>Capital Outlay</b>	600,000	
<b>TOTAL FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT TAX FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>			950,000

**Revenue**

*It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Fire Service District Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Tax Levy</b>	625,609	
	<b>Sales Tax</b>	268,000	
	<b>Other Revenue</b>	6,411	
	<b>Fund Balance Appropriated</b>	49,980	
<b>TOTAL FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT TAX FUND REVENUES:</b>			950,000

**SECTION 8. 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS**

**Expenditures**

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*The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Scotland County 911 Emergency Communications Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Personnel</b>	-	
	<b>Operating Expense</b>	229,929	
	<b>Capital</b>	-	
	<b>Reserve</b>	-	
<b>TOTAL 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>			229,929

**Revenue**

*It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Scotland County 911 Communications Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Fees</b>	229,929	
	<b>Grant</b>	-	
	<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>		
<b>TOTAL 911 EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS FUND REVENUES:</b>			229,929

**SECTION 9. REVALUATION FUND**

**Expenditures**

*The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Revaluation Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Personnel</b>	-	
	<b>Operating Expense</b>	75,000	
	<b>Capital</b>	-	
<b>TOTAL REVALUATION FUND EXPENDITURES:</b>			75,000

**Revenue**

*It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Revaluation Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

	<b>Interfund Transfer</b>	75,000	
	<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	-	
<b>TOTAL REVALUATION FUND REVENUES:</b>			75,000

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**SECTION 10. SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

**Expenditures**

*The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Special Revenue Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

<b>Expenditures</b>	1,201	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND</b>		1,201

**Revenue**

*It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Special Revenue Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

<b>Revenue</b>	1,201	
<b>TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUND REVENUES:</b>		1,201

**SECTION 11. CANTEEN FUND**

**Expenditures**

*The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Canteen Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

<b>Expenditures</b>	28,000	
<b>TOTAL CANTEEN FUND</b>		28,000

**Revenue**

*It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Canteen Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

<b>Revenue</b>	28,000	
<b>TOTAL CANTEEN FUND REVENUES:</b>		28,000

**SECTION 12. TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

**Expenditures**

*The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Scotland County Tourism Development Authority for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016:*

<b>Expenditures</b>	336,000	
<b>TOTAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY EXPENDITURES:</b>		336,000

**Revenue**

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*It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Scotland County Tourism Development Authority for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2016 based on a 6% motel/hotel Occupancy Tax:*

	<b>Revenue</b>	336,000
<b>TOTAL TOURISM DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY REVENUES:</b>		<b>336,000</b>

**SECTION 13. PROPERTY TAX LEVY:**

There is hereby levied an ad valorem property tax at the rate of \$ 1.03 per \$100 valuation of properties listed for taxes as of January 1, 2015. The levy and corresponding estimate for current year property tax collection is based on a projected 2,082,000,000 tax base and a prior year collection rate of 94.41 percent on real property.

There is hereby levied an additional \$.05 cent Fire Service Tax on all property outside the corporate limits of Wagram, Gibson, and Laurinburg, including property within the corporate limits of East Laurinburg, to fund volunteer fire departments. This change in the Fire Service Tax shall be used to fund the replacement of County Fire Equipment over the next eleven years. It is also the goal that this funding will aid all fire departments to receive an rating of 6 and extend the five mile fire service area to as much of Scotland County as reasonable.

**SECTION 14. PERSONNEL & COMPENSATION**

FY 2015-2016 - All county employee salaries will be increased by a 1.0 percent COLA.

In addition, employees that have been on their current grade for five years or more and are on less than a step nine, which is market rate, will receive a one step increase. Employees that have been on their current grade for ten years or more and are on less than a step nine, which is market rate, will receive a two step increase. Step nine will be the maximum step increase issued under this plan. The qualifying date for the step increases will be as of June 30, 2015.

To qualify, the employee must be in good standing with no active correction action plan or disciplinary action pending according to the Scotland County Personnel Policy, Article VIII, Section 11. Inactivating Disciplinary Action which states "Any disciplinary action issued after the effective date of this section is deemed inactive in the event that, (A) The department head or supervisor notes in the employee's personnel file that the reason for the disciplinary action has been resolved or corrected; or (B) eighteen (18) months have passed since the first warning or disciplinary action during which the employee does not have another active warning or disciplinary action and the department head had not issued to the employee written notice of an extension to the disciplinary period."

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Regarding Part (A) as previously described, for the purpose of administering these step increases, any such note from the department head or supervisor indicating that the reason for disciplinary action has been resolved or corrected must be written, dated, and given to the employee and placed in the employee's personnel file prior to the date that the FY 2015-16 budget is approved by the Board of Commissioners.

**SECTION 15. FEE SCHEDULES**

**Water Districts I and II**

Fee schedules attached.

**Solid Waste**

Fee schedules attached

**Parks & Recreation**

Fee schedules attached.

**Library**

Fee schedules attached

**Inspections**

Fee schedules attached

**Health Department**

Fee schedules attached.

**Emergency Medical Services**

Fee schedules attached.

**Board of Elections**

Fee schedule attached.

**General & Administrative Fees**

Fee schedule attached.

**SECTION 16. BUDGET OFFICER**

The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to review and process transfers of appropriations as stipulated below:

- a) He may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure within departments, without limitations and without a separate report.
- b) He may transfer amounts up to \$1,000 between departments lying within the same fund. In such cases, a separate report of such transfer shall be submitted to the County Commissioners at its next regular meeting.

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- c) He may *not* transfer any amount between funds and may transfer no more than \$1,000 from the General Fund Contingencies Account.
- d) He shall provide the governing body with a Mid-Year Financial Review.
- e) He may, during the month of June, make any necessary interdepartmental budget transfers and amendments in order to close out the fiscal year. All such adjustments shall be reported to the governing body in a separate report.
- f) He may, with approval of the Finance Officer, transfer amounts between agency accounts supervised by a single department without limitation and without a separate report. These agency accounts include, for example, law enforcement, public health and public assistance.

**SECTION 17. BUDGET ORDINANCE**

This Budget Ordinance has been prepared in compliance with the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. Copies of the Budget Ordinance shall be furnished to the Budget Officer, Clerk to the Board, Finance Officer, and Tax Collector.

Adopted this the 26th day of June 2015

Guy McCook  
Chairman

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

Attachments

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July 6, 2015, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC*

**Scotland County Board of Commissioner regular meeting  
July 6, 2015, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC**

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Guy McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners John Alford, Bob Davis, Betty Blue Gholston, Whit Gibson 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. Chairman McCook offered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

No one spoke during Public Forum.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the July 6, 2015, agenda with the addition of an Eastpointe update as Item 3. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Public Hearing: Conditional Use Application 482-15 Entropy Solar Integrators**

Chairman McCook opened the Public Hearing for testimony on the application and asked County Attorney Johnston to provide a summary. Mr. Johnston reminded that the purpose of a conditional use application is to conduct an evidentiary hearing of facts of which the Commissioners make a determination as to whether to approve the application and use its authority to impose conditions on the use.

Mr. Matthew Braswell of Kleinfelder, a consulting group that represents the client, having been duly sworn in, said the site is 29 acres on a 263 acre parent parcel. Mr. Braswell distributed an updated map of the site that includes a 25-foot perimeter access road on site as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Mr. Braswell said the road is compacted to accommodate emergency response vehicle. The map details show the gravel access road, the fence and the gate. The access road is outside the site. The gate would provide access to the property where a key would be available.

The Commissioners reminded Mr. Braswell that only this footprint is usable without coming back to the Board for additional requests. Mr. Braswell discussed the wetland delineation conducted by the Army Corps of Engineers, and there is no wetland on the site or anything keeping the client from developing the area. Commissioner McPhatter said he thought the process of considering solar arrays had been slowed down. County Manager Patterson said there is not yet a modification to the ordinance that addresses solar arrays.

There was no other testimony, and the Public Hearing was closed.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve Conditional Use Application 482-15 subject to the additional conditions as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Board. Vote For: Chairman McCook, Vice**

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**Chair McCall and Commissioners Alford, Davis, Gholston and Gibson. Vote Against:  
Commissioner McPhatter. Motion approved.**

### **Liaison Committee update**

Vice Chair McCall said the two documents included in the agenda are close in content and intent but there is language that needs to be discussed at the July 9 meeting. Commissioner Gibson said the documents are not so far apart that some agreement can't be reached. Vice Chair McCall said that written in both documents there would be no option to go to Raleigh before March 1 2017. Chairman McCook said he views the process as doable from the County perspective when it comes to reaching an agreement. There will be give and take on both sides. Commissioner Davis said as an elected official he feels he should be able to say his piece if a State official initiates the conversation.

### **Eastpointe update**

Vice Chair McCall said Medicaid reform is coming but there is no indication what it will look like. The Eastpointe Board wants to be proactive so it will be well-positioned in the face of all the changes. Vice Chair McCall said Eastpointe is looking to the Sandhills NCO for a merger of the two. The alternative would be a merger with a 36-county eastern portion of the State. The Sandhills merger would transition Eastpointe from 12 to 21 counties. It would gain an additional 300 providers in the Sandhills catchment area. Vice Chair McCall said Eastpointe would initiate the Sandhills merger in order to create its own path rather than have it dictated.

### **Consent Agenda**

- a) Approve minutes of the June 1, 2015 reconvened meeting; June 1, 2015 Water Districts meeting; June 1, 2015 regular meeting; May 20, 2015, May 22, 2015 and May 26, 2015 reconvened meetings.
- b) Approve Health Department Medicaid Payments, Adjustments and Denials for 7/1/2012 to 6/30/2014.
- c) Approve Health Department Insurance, Patient Pay, Contract Pay, Insurance Adjustments, Charity and Contract Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2012-2014.
- d) Approve Health Department bad debt write-off in the amount of \$1,050.37 for Fiscal Year 2012-2014.
- e) Approve Health Department request to add RPR services fee of \$11 for blood draw.
- f) Authorize the Tax Collector to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the office of the Scotland County Tax Department.
- g) Approve Resolution requesting that Scotland County be named a North Carolina Certified Retirement Community.

### **Resolution requesting that Scotland County be named a North Carolina Certified Retirement Community**

**WHEREAS**, in July of 2008, the Legislature passed SB1627, which creates a North Carolina Retirement Community program; and

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**WHEREAS**, the purpose of the program is to encourage retirees and those planning to retire to make their homes in North Carolina; and

**WHEREAS**, Scotland County is fortunate to be a destination for many retirees who choose to live here for its cultural amenities, relaxed lifestyle choices, comprehensive health care system, access to continuing education and convenient proximity to the beaches and mountains metropolitan areas; and

**WHEREAS**, the Laurinburg/Scotland County community is planning to take actions to actively promote its community as a retirement destination to retirees from across the State as well as the nation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Scotland County Board of Commissioners wishes to endorse the steps needed to being identified as a community of choice for retirees.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Scotland County Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina Department of Commerce approve Scotland County as a designated Certified Retirement Community.

Approved this, the 6th day of July, 2015.

h) Approve 2016 Holiday Schedule

i) Budget amendments

- 1) Incentives: Approve increase in Incentives in the amount of \$57,000 for FY 2014-2015, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to expend the monies.
- 2) Register of Deeds: Approve anticipated increase in revenues for FY 2015 in the amount of \$16,000, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies.
- 3) Sheriff: Approve anticipated increase in revenues for FY 2015 in the amount of \$3,000, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies.
- 4) EMS: Approve anticipated increase in revenues for FY 2015 in the amount of \$15,000, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies.
- 5) Transportation: Approve anticipated increase in revenues for FY 2015 in the amount of \$20,000, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies.
- 6) Water Districts: Approve anticipated increase in revenues for FY 2015 in the amount of \$41,240, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies.
- 7) Health: Approve anticipated increase in revenues for FY 2015 in the amount of \$23,765, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies.
- 8) Parks and Recreation: Approve increase in revenues for FY 2015 in the amount of \$21,550, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive the monies.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gholston and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall 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 Gibson to appoint Ms. Renee Snipes to the Aging Advisory Council. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to appoint Mr. Robert Macy to the Laurinburg/Scotland County Drug and Crime Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to reappoint Ms. Shannon Newton, Mr. Lee Gaunt and Mr. Jim Walker to the Historic Properties Commission. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to reappoint Mr. Nick Sojka, Ms. Nancy Shelley and Mr. Beacham McDougald to the Tourism Development Authority. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to reappoint Ms. Cathy Poole and Mr. Jay Todd to two-year terms on the Workforce Development Board and to reappoint Mr. John Alford and Dr. Dale McInnis to three-year terms on the Workforce Development Board. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to appoint County Manager Kevin Patterson to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission until there is an Economic Developer in place. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

### **Update from the County Manager**

Mr. Patterson said Tax Administrator Mary Helen Norton was last reappointed in 2011 and it is time for reappointment. Mr. Patterson recommended Ms. Norton be reappointed for four years.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to reappoint Ms. Mary Helen Norton as Tax Administrator for four years. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Mr. Patterson said the Fire Commission recommends approval for the purchase of a pumper truck for the Laurel Hill Fire Department from Fire Connections at a cost of \$300,424.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to approve a contract with Fire Connections in the amount of \$300,424 for the purchase of a pumper truck for Laurel Hill Fire Department. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

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**Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to nominate Commissioner Bob Davis as NCACC Voting Delegate. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

The Commissioners agreed to conduct the County Manager evaluation 9 a.m. Thursday, July 30, in the SBIC conference room.

Mr. Patterson discussed the transfer of Animal Control from the Health Department to the Sheriff's Department, although some parts would remain the domain of Health Director. Mr. Patterson said Interim Health Director Wayne Raynor and the Sheriff will develop a Memorandum of Agreement for review by the Commissioners and the Health Board. Commissioner Davis said of the two animal control officers, one does not want to be a law officer. Commissioner Davis said the Health Board has not discussed the issue or approved it.

Mr. Patterson said the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board would like to approach the Schools to inquire about joint use agreements for open space at Covington and Spring Hill Schools. Commissioner Davis said he would like Laurel Hill Elementary added to the list.

The County Manager said L&S Railroad is interested in selling the parcel across the street from the Courthouse for parking and overflow. Currently the parcel is leased for \$150 a month.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to go into Closed Session in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area served by this body. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

#### **OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.**

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook  
Chairman

***Scotland County Board of Commissioners/Laurinburg City Council Joint Session  
July 8, 2015, Small Business Innovation Center, Laurinburg, NC***

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners/Laurinburg City Council Joint Session  
July 8, 2015, Small Business Innovation Center, Laurinburg, NC**

Scotland County Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Guy McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners Bob Davis, Betty Blue Gholston 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 Research Analyst/Safety Coordinator Lori Parks (recording the minutes).

City Council in attendance: Mayor Tommy Parker and Council Members Curtis Leak, J.D. Willis, Drew Williamson, Mary Jo Adams and Dee Hammond. City staff in attendance: City Manager Charles Nichols and City Clerk Jenny Tippett.

At 5:30 p.m., Chairman McCook called the County meeting to order. Mayor Tommy Parker called the City Council meeting to order. The City Council approved its agenda.

Mayor Parker said the City requested the joint meeting because it was concerned about the direction of the Scotland County Economic Development Corporation (SCEDC) following the departure of former Economic Development Director Greg Icard.

Mayor Parker said the City Council believes the SCEDC hasn't properly disseminated information to the Council, and the City is concerned about its role in the SCEDC. Council Member Willis asked whether the SCEDC bylaws are being followed.

City Council Member Willis questioned the role of the County and the County Manager in the SCEDC and whether those roles were changed since the SCEDC was first established.

Chairman McCook said there have been no changes, and the SCEDC continues to do what it has always done. Chairman McCook described the SCEDC as a partnership although the County has more authority. Chairman McCook said the Economic Development Director position was established as a County employee who reports to the County Manager.

Council Member Williamson suggested the City could be more proactive in the SCEDDC in order to benefit the City. Mayor Parker suggested the City also conduct its own marketing effort as well as becoming more active in the SCEDC.

Chairman McCook said if the bylaws don't fully address all the issues then perhaps a Memorandum of Understanding could be developed as a supplement to the bylaws. Mayor Parker suggested the City Council review the bylaws and make suggestions.

Chairman McCook reviewed the hiring process for the Economic Development Director and provided an update on the search for a candidate. Vice Chair McCall said to date the City Manager has been part of the search process. Mr. Patterson displayed the job description for the Economic Development Director.

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Chairman McCook said there is a need for better communication and a better understanding of expectations. He suggested that an annual SCEDC meeting be held jointly between the Commissioners and City Council.

Chairman McCook updated those in attendance on the former water/wastewater treatment plant at WestPoint Stevens, which Cascades will transfer to the County, and on the option to purchase a 50-acre tract of land by the airport as a possible industrial site. Chairman McCook said the State not the SCEDC was involved with the Blue Scope project announcement although the County will be involved in the incentives.

Council Member Williamson suggested involving other parties in the SCEDC like successful business people in the community. Commissioner Gholston said the bylaws first should be reviewed before involving others. Chairman McCook said it is important to get an SCEDC President (Economic Development Director) in place first.

Chairman McCook said the SCEDC will schedule a meeting and invite potential stakeholders for input and to discuss the direction of economic development activities in the community.

Chairman McCook said a reason there is not an Economic Development Director currently in place is because the salary is in the \$65,000 range when it would be more competitive at \$100,000. Vice Chair McCall suggested interested stakeholders could contribute toward a higher salary.

In the meantime, Chairman McCook said City Council will be sent copies of the SCEDC budget, the bylaws and strategic plan.

The County Commissioners moved to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. The City Council also adjourned.

*Minutes composed from notes compiled by Ms. Lori Parks.*

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook  
Chairman

## Ann Kurtzman

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**From:** Kathy Duke <scalehouse@scotlandcounty.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 02, 2015 4:09 PM  
**To:** Ann Kurtzman  
**Subject:** Equipment to Surplus

Bryant asked me to send you this information for surplus equipment he would like to get approval to sell on gov deals.

Unit 414 – 1977 REX 370 Compactor, Serial#HFR-192-T

Unit 425A – 1995 Ford Super Duty Truck, VIN#1FDLF47F9SEA34761

*Kathy Duke, Weighmaster  
Scotland County Solid Waste  
Phone 910-844-9206  
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SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 6

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Meeting Date August 3, 2015

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SUBJECT: Liaison Committee update

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

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

PURPOSE: Provide a summary on the Memorandum of Agreement for school funding developed by the Liaison Committee

ATTACHMENTS: Memorandum of Agreement approved July 13, 2015, by the Board of Education

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Review agreement and consider action

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DISPUTE RESOLUTION - G.S. 115C-431  
2014-M-68

COUNTY OF SCOTLAND

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION,	)	
	)	
Petitioner under G.S. 115C-431,	)	JOINT AGREEMENT FOR THE FUNDING
	)	OF THE SCOTLAND COUNTY SCHOOLS
and	)	BETWEEN THE SCOTLAND
	)	COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,	)	AND THE SCOTLAND COUNTY
	)	BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
	)	
Respondent under G.S. 115C-431.	)	

The Scotland County Board of Education (“Board of Education”), having initiated dispute resolution pursuant to G.S. 115C-431, and all procedural and jurisdictional requirements for the same having been met, and the Board of Education and the Scotland County Board of Commissioners (“Board of County Commissioners”) having met in the joint meeting of both boards required under G.S. 115C-431(a) on June 26, 2014, and the Board of Education and the Commissioners having reached a Mediated Budget Agreement which was duly approved by both boards, executed, and filed with the Scotland County Clerk of Superior Court on July 29, 2014; and that pursuant to the terms of the said Mediated Budget Agreement the boards have engaged in monthly liaison committee meetings with the purpose of establishing agreed-upon local current expense funding and capital expenditures for fiscal years subsequent to those governed by the Mediated Budget Agreement, which remains in full force and effect, and is neither repealed nor modified by the agreement set forth below, but rather, merely supplemented; and the boards’ liaison committees having reached the agreement set forth below, and both boards having duly approved the agreement set forth below, at properly noticed open meetings, with quorums present, and all other procedural formalities and requirements having been observed.

Accordingly, the Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners recite and confirm their Joint Agreement as follows, the same being supported by adequate consideration, including without limitation the mutual promises and obligations contained herein:

1. Pursuant to G.S. 115C-431 and § 9.3 of Session Law 2002-66, the Commissioners agree to appropriate and include in their budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015-2016 the amount of \$10,826,612.00 in local current expense funding for the Board of Education and the amount of \$300,000.00 for capital expenditures, exclusive of fines and forfeitures, lottery proceeds, other flow through amounts, and debt service.

2. Pursuant to G.S. 115C-431 and § 9.3 of Session Law 2002-66, the Commissioners agree to appropriate and include in their budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2016-2017 the amount

of \$10,583,013.00 in local current expense funding for the Board of Education and the amount of \$300,000.00 for capital expenditures, exclusive of fines and forfeitures, lottery proceeds, other flow through amounts, and debt service.

3. Pursuant to G.S. 115C-431 and §9.3 of Session Law 2002-66, the Commissioners agree to appropriate and include in their budget ordinance for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 the amount of \$10,344,895.00 in local current expense funding for the Board of Education and the amount of \$300,000.00 for capital expenditures, exclusive of fines and forfeitures, lottery proceeds, other flow through amounts, and debt service.

4. Both the Board of Education and the Commissioners acknowledge and agree that this Joint Agreement shall be enforceable in the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division, utilizing the Superior Court's powers of contempt, and both the Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners consent and agree that an action to enforce this Joint Agreement may be properly filed in the Superior Court of Scotland County, both parties agreeing to accept service of same and to consent to subject matter and in personam jurisdiction of same.

5. The term of this Joint Agreement shall run from the date last appearing in the signature blocks below through and including June 30, 2018.

6. The respective boards' liaison designees shall meet as a single, combined committee on a regular basis, at least quarterly, with the meetings to commence in January, 2016, with the goal of reaching a long term funding agreement for the Scotland County Schools to take effect upon the conclusion of the term of this Joint Agreement.

7. The goal of the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education is to reach a long-term funding agreement for the Scotland County Schools. The respective boards' liaison designees, meeting together as a single, combined committee as described in Paragraph 6 above, and working together in good faith, are the boards' mechanism for pursuing that goal. Accordingly, both boards agree that they shall not make contact with higher levels of government for the purpose of repealing or amending Chapter 707, S.L. 1963, as amended by Chapter 306, S.L. 1973, S.L. 2002-66, and S.L. 2004-203, Sections 63(a) and (b) (collectively, the "School Floor Law"). This restriction, during the negotiations to develop a long term funding agreement, shall be in effect until March 1, 2017. In turn, neither board shall invoke the School Floor Law from the effective date of this Joint Agreement until March 1, 2017, except to enforce this Joint Agreement as allowed under Paragraph 4 above, or to take mutually agreed-upon joint action as allowed under §9.3 of Session Law 2002-66.

8. The Board of Education and the Commissioners, by and through the signatures of their authorized representatives as set forth below, agree and acknowledge that this document reflects their Joint Agreement as agreed to by both boards.

Pre-Audit Certification: This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Hobbs, Finance Officer, Scotland County, North Carolina

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guy McCook, Chairman, Scotland County Board of Commissioners

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Audit Certification: This instrument has been pre-audited in the manner required by the School Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jay Toland, Finance Officer, Scotland County Board of Education

Date: July 13, 2015

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Byrd, Chairman, Scotland County Board of Education

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 7

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date August 3, 2015

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SUBJECT: Scotland County Economic Development Corporation update

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Chairman Guy McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners Bob Davis

PURPOSE: Update the Commissioners on input from members of the community to be more involved in economic development activities

ATTACHMENTS: Draft minutes from the July 24, 2015, special meeting of the Scotland County Economic Development Corporation

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive information

**Scotland County Economic Development Corporation**  
**July 24, 2015, Small Business Innovation Center, Laurinburg, NC**

SCEDC members in attendance: Chairman Guy McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall, Commissioner Bob Davis and Laurinburg City Mayor Tommy Parker. SCEDC members not in attendance: City Council Member Curtis Leak. Staff in attendance City Manager Charles Nichols, Finance Officer Beth Hobbs and Clerk to the Board Ann Kurtzman (recording the minutes). Also present but not part of the SCECD quorum were Commissioner Whit Gibson and Laurinburg City Council members Mary Jo Adams and Drew Williamson.

At 8:30 a.m. Chairman McCook called the special meeting of the SCEDC to order to address where the SCEDC is in the community, its structure and ideas on where the community wants to go and how it could serve the community with the best economic development program.

Chairman McCook discussed the SCEDC organization and strategic plan, which was adopted in 2014. Mayor Parker discussed how economic development might evolve, which is why public and partner input is requested. Mayor Parker said to date the SCEDC has done a good job.

There was some discussion about including other entities in the economic development process so there might be more ideas for better results and would allow other stakeholders to become invested in the process for a more successful effort. Vice Chair McCall said it is important to get the positive feeling from this room out into the community where there is not a positive vibe. Vice Chair McCall suggested more stakeholders must be included in the conversation other than the same people who are always involved. Commissioner Davis said until the negativity is eliminated, the community will have an uphill battle.

Chairman McCook said more people interested in economic development should be brought to the table and those brought to the table should actually contribute to the process.

There was discussion on how big is too big where effectiveness might be lost. The group discussed who would be represented on a larger SCEDC board and if it would be comprised of voters, non-voters or both. Vice Chair McCall said as it is now, the voting members are the ones who bring money to the table. Chairman McCook suggested a structure be developed first and then determine the number. Creating an advisory group to the SCEDC also was discussed.

Chairman McCook suggested a working group put together a plan to bring back to SCEDC, which would serve as the conduit through which all information would funnel. There was a suggestion that some other people be drafted as part of the conversation and that perhaps more than one model should be presented for review. It was determined that the Laurinburg Maxton Airport, Chamber of Commerce, an at large representative, the TDA, NC Works and a representative from the economic summit group be involved in the process. Chairman McCook invited attendees to the next regular SCEDC meeting, 3 p.m. Tuesday, August 4 at the SBIC.

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

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ITEM NO. 8

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Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date August 3, 2015

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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: Monthly update  
Aging Advisory Council application  
Scotland County Memorial Library Advisory Board application

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Make appointments as necessary



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Whit Gibson  
Clarence McPhatter II

**TO: SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**FROM: ANN W. KURTZMAN** *awk*  
**DATE: July 29, 2015**  
**SUBJECT: VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

## **AGING ADVISORY COUNCIL**

The Aging Advisory Council has an opening for a citizen member. An application has been received from **Mr. John Lewis** of Wagram, who wishes to be appointed to a three-year term.

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

Three seats available. Appointees must live in the ETJ and serve three-year terms. **Mr. Hal Jernigan** completed his third term and **Mr. Ken Jackson** completed his second term. Both wish to be reappointed.

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

Three seats are available. **Ms. Kyle Bethel** and **Ms. Carol Gaskill** both completed their first terms. Both would like to be reappointed. An application for the third seat has been received from **Mr. Rodney Hassler**. Appointments are four-years.

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

## **JURY COMMISSION**

One seat will be available in August.

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

Applications are accepted on a continuous basis for this committee.

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

Three seats available. Appointees must live in the ETJ.

## **LAURINBURG/SCOTLAND COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

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

**LRCOG SCOTLAND COUNTY ADULT CARE HOME COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Two seats available.

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

Three seats are available.

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

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

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD**

One seat will be available in October.

**SCOTLAND COUNTY ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT**

One seat and one alternate seat is available. Five more seats will become available in October.

**SOUTHEASTERN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

There is one vacancy for a private sector representative.

**SOUTHEASTERN FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Terms will expire June 30 for two Board members.

**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 webs*



**SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD/COMMITTEE VACANCY APPLICATION**

*Note: Must be a resident of Scotland County to serve on a board/committee*

Name: John Lewis Mailing Address: P.O. Box 555 Wayram NE 285  
 Physical Address (if different from mailing address) 22240 Bundy St. "  
 Daytime Phone: 910-369-3645 Evening Phone: same Email: adams@windstream.net  
 Employer: Retired

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

Aging Advisory Board

List any experience/qualifications you have relevant to the above Board/Commission:

Post representative on the board for East of state MSW, Experience in mental health/older adults.

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

Exec of SCFS board  
Growth Change perspective Board member

List past service on other Board(s)/Commission(s):

I certify to the best of my knowledge that all information contained in this application is true.

John A. Lewis 07/23/15  
 Signature of applicant Date

*Applications for appointment consideration will be retained for one year from the date submitted.*  
 Return completed application to: Ann W. Kurtzman, Clerk, Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
 507 West Covington Street, Laurinburg, NC 28352, or Fax to 277-2411.

## Ann Kurtzman

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**From:** notifications@scotlandcounty.org  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 09, 2015 5:41 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: 104.49.72.65

Name:  
Rodney J. Hassler

Mailing Address:  
905 East Scotsdale Road; Laurinburg, NC 28352-4250

Physical Address (if different from mailing address):

Daytime Phone:  
(910) 276-8733

Evening Phone:

Email:  
rhassler2000@bellsouth.net

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

List any experience/qualifications you have relevant to the above Board/Commission:  
Retired educator - 30 years with Scotland County Schools Lifelong, avid reader - all subjects Continue to promote literacy and enrichment

List current service on other Board(s)/Commission(s):  
Serve as secretary to the Board of Directors, Habitat for Humanity of Scotland County.

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

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=377e6436-dad6-414e-a23c-4b72c7deb92d>

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO.   9  

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date August 3, 2015

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SUBJECT: Update from the County Manager

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: County Manager Kevin Patterson

PURPOSE: Provide monthly update on County business and activities.

ATTACHMENTS: Monthly report  
Health Department draft Memorandum of Agreement on Animal Control  
Chamber of Commerce August 12 lunch invitation  
Stepping Up Initiative Resolution  
Resolutions from Yadkin and Harnett counties

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Take action as necessary



Kevin Patterson  
County Manager

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

## County of Scotland

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Clarence McPhatter II

July 29, 2015

To: Board of County Commissioners

From: Kevin Patterson, County Manager

Re: Monthly Report

Animal Control – There is a draft MOU from the Health Department for transfer of Animal Control from the Health Department to the Sheriff Department. This draft concerns rabies control which is a statutory responsibility of the Health Department and cannot be transferred. The Sheriff does have a written work plan but had scheduling conflicts and could not meet to fully discuss them with the Interim Health Director. The Sheriff plans to meet with new Health Director to discuss the operations in August.

Update only

Chamber / Leadership Scotland – Leadership Scotland is having their Government Day on August 12 and would like to invite the Commissioners to have lunch with the participants at the Chamber at noon. Please RSVP with Kaye Buie or let Ann Kurtzman know.

Update

Solid Waste Plan Update – I will be meeting with the County's Engineering firm August 5<sup>th</sup> to discuss the scope of work for updating the Solid Waste Plan for the County.

Update

Stepping Up Resolution – The National Associations of Counties and the NC Association of Counties are seeking a resolution from all 100 Counties in support of the Stepping Up Initiative. This initiative is to reduce the number of people with mental illness in County jails. This initiative is attempting to develop resources available to Counties to keep County Jails from being the primary resource for people with significant mental illness issues.

Request approval of the resolution

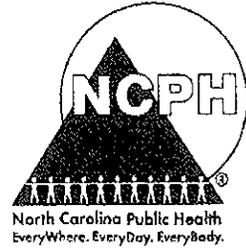
Solid Waste Availability Fee – The availability fee was listed on the tax bill as SW Availability Fee. This was due to line length. It is the Solid Waste Availability Fee that has been in numerous newspaper articles and discussed in news reports and live on both WLNC and WEWO radio stations.

# SCOTLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1405 West Boulevard • Post Office Box 69  
Laurinburg, North Carolina 28353-0069  
Phone (910) 277-2440 Fax (910) 277-2450



Wayne Raynor, MPH  
Health Director



**DRAFT**

## N.C. RABIES CONTROL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Between

Scotland County Health Director

And

Scotland County Sherriff's Office, Animal Services Unit

This is an agreement between Scotland County Health Director, hereinafter called Health Director and Animal Services Unit of Scotland County Sherriff's Office, hereinafter called Animal Services Unit (ASU).

### I. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to clearly identify the roles and responsibilities of each party as they relate to Rabies Control per North Carolina General Statutes (NCGS) 130-A-41(b) 10 and NCGS 130-A 196-199. In particular, this MOU is intended to:

- Delegate particular responsibilities of the NCGS 130-A-41(b) 10 from the Health Director to Animal Services Unit.
- Designate staff members from Animal Services Unit and from the Health Department to work collaboratively to update annually and implement policies and procedures to address enforcement of NCGS 130-A 196-199.

### II. ANIMAL SERVICES UNIT RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU

- Designate and train staff for role in N.C. Rabies Control.
- Follow procedures as published in the online N.C. Rabies Public Health Program Manual, <http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/ed/lhds/manuals/rabies/toc.html>.
- Investigate all reported instances in which a person was bitten by a dog, cat, ferret, or wildlife that can potentially expose a person to rabies.
- Investigate all reported instances in which a person has been potentially exposed (non-bite) to rabies.
- Notify the Health Department of all investigation's that involve potential human exposure to rabies by providing a copy of the Rabies Prevention Referral Form (ASU024) of each incident to the Health Department.
- Refer all questions regarding human rabies post-exposure prophylaxis and/or other medical/healthcare issues to the Health Department.
- Consult with Health Department in the event of any unusual or atypical situations.
- ASU follows procedures in the N. C Rabies Public health Program Manual regarding:
  - N. C Certified Rabies Vaccinator program
  - Management of a dog, cat or ferret that bites a human (NCGS 130-A-196)
  - 10-day confinement of domestic dogs, cats, and ferrets that bite people
  - Six-month quarantine of domestic dogs, cats, and ferrets exposed to rabies
  - Management of livestock and horses that bite humans or are exposed to rabid animals
  - Management of other animals that bite humans (wild hybrids, wildlife, exotic species)
  - Rabies testing of animals

**III. HEALTH DIRECTOR RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS MOU**

- Designate and train staff for role in N.C Rabies Control
- Follow procedures as published in the online N.C. Rabies Public Health Program Manual, <http://epi.publichealth.nc.gov/cd/lhds/manuals/rabies/toc.html>.
- Collaborate on all investigations that involve potential human exposure to rabies as well as performing human Rabies Exposure Risk Assessment and providing education and recommendations for care to those persons.
- Consult with N.C. Department of Public Health Rabies on-call staff in the event of any unusual or atypical situations.
- Be available to discuss any aspect of rabies investigation including citizen's request to appeal rabies decisions.

**IV. IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED BY AND BETWEEN THE PARTIES THAT:**

- **Amendments**-This agreement may be amended by written consent of both parties and all amendments shall be attached to this agreement.
- **Termination**-This agreement may be terminated by either party on thirty (30)-day written notice, except that the Health Director may choose to immediately terminate the agreement without notice for the following:
  - **Failure to follow procedure, regulation or guidelines in the N.C. Rabies Public Health Program Manual.**
- **Independent Status**-Nothing in this agreement shall create a relationship other than that of an independent contractor between Health Director and the Animal Services Unit, nor shall Animal Services Unit have any claim against Scotland County Health Director for Worker's Compensation, Unemployment compensation, insurance coverage, or other benefits.

**V. FUNDING**

This MOU does not include any reimbursement of funds between the two parties.

**VI. EFFECTIVE DATE AND SIGNATURE**

This MOU shall be effective upon the signature of Scotland County Sherriff's authorized officials and Health Director. It shall be in force for a period of one year, from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016. Animal Services Unit and Health Director indicate agreement with this MOU by their signatures.

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Sherriff's Office

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Health Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**DRAFT**



**Laurinburg/Scotland County Area  
Chamber of Commerce**

July 15, 2015

Chairman Guy McCook and  
Scotland County Commissioners  
PO Box 489  
Laurinburg, NC 28353

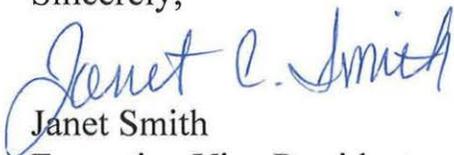
Dear Chairman McCook and Commissioners:

The Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Scotland group would like to invite you a Government Day lunch. The date is Wednesday, August 12, 12:00 pm, at the Chamber of Commerce office.

We think this informal setting will be an excellent opportunity for our future community leaders to meet with government officials and discuss issues important to Laurinburg and Scotland County.

Please advise if you will attend by emailing [kbuie@laurinburgchamber.com](mailto:kbuie@laurinburgchamber.com) or call 276-7420. We hope to see you on August 12.

Sincerely,

  
Janet Smith  
Executive Vice President



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## **Resolution Approving the Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails**

**WHEREAS**, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated two million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jails each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in confinement facilities are three to six times higher than for the general population, with statistics showing that almost 13 percent of North Carolina's prison population requires some type of intervention due to mental health issues; and,

**WHEREAS**, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and,

**WHEREAS**, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and,

**WHEREAS**, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses can continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals, their families, and their communities; and,

**WHEREAS**, county jails are generally an unsafe environment for those with mental health treatment needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners has undertaken a serious effort to address the local service needs of those with mental illnesses through the appointment of a special Task Force; and,

**WHEREAS**, Scotland County, like all counties, takes pride in its responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient, safe and socially just ways; and,

**WHEREAS**, through the Stepping Up Initiative, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Foundation are encouraging counties to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in county jails.

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

1. the Board of Commissioners does hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail and commits to sharing lessons learned with other counties in North Carolina and across the country to support the Stepping Up Initiative; and,
2. the Board of Commissioners will utilize resources available through the Stepping Up Initiative and other resources provided by the Council of State Governments Justice Center to convene a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies who are committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails, and,
3. the team will utilize the comprehensive resources available through the Stepping Up Initiative to develop a plan to reduce the number of people with mental illness in the county jail for 2016-2020, consistent with the Council of State Governments Justice Center report and recommendations, to be presented to the Board of Commissioners at its first meeting in December 2015.

PASSED AND APPROVED in this 3rd day of August, 2015.

Guy McCook  
Chairman

ATTEST

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

## Ann Kurtzman

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**From:** bounce-36423168-25048473@listserv.unc.edu on behalf of Trisha Hogan  
<trisha.hogan@transylvaniacounty.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 21, 2015 3:32 PM  
**To:** County Clerks in North Carolina  
**Subject:** [countyclerks] NCACC Stepping Up Resolution

Good afternoon all,

In early July we received a request from the NCACC to support the Stepping Up initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in county jails. NACo and other national organizations are partnering on this initiative. Has your BOC signed on to participate and approved the resolution? I am working on our agenda packet for the next meeting and as I started to read through the resolution it looks like there's quite a bit each county must commit to and a lot of work to be done in order to present a plan in December 2015. I could use some feedback and guidance. Maybe other counties are much more aware of what our responsibilities would be.

Thanks so much!

Trisha Hogan  
Clerk to the Board  
Transylvania County

-- You are currently subscribed to countyclerks as: akurtzman@scotlandcounty.org. To unsubscribe click here: <http://lists.unc.edu/u?id=25048473.d2c60b24f188dd04fe543df63ffb70ea&n=T&l=countyclerks&o=36423168>, or send a blank email to leave-36423168-25048473.d2c60b24f188dd04fe543df63ffb70ea@listserv.unc.edu.

## Ann Kurtzman

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**From:** NCACC <ncacc@ncacc.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2015 3:45 PM  
**To:** Todd McGee; Chair Commissioners  
**Cc:** County Clerks; County Managers  
**Subject:** NCACC Board of Directors encourages counties to adopt Stepping Up resolution  
**Attachments:** NC version - Final - stepping up resolution.docx

At its June 24 meeting, the NCACC Board of Directors unanimously approved a sample resolution supporting the Stepping Up Initiative being led by the National Association of Counties. The Board asked that the sample resolution, which was first reviewed and approved by the Human Services Steering Committee, be sent to all 100 counties with encouragement for each county to adopt. The resolution is attached to this email and can be customized by your county.

Stepping Up is a national initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in county jails. NACo is one of several partners in this effort, which also includes the National Sheriffs Association and the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI).

NACo has provided many resources on its website to support counties who are interested in this issue. Several North Carolina counties have already adopted this resolution, and we hope to see that number increase. Please visit the link below for more information:

<http://www.naco.org/resources/programs-and-initiatives/stepping-initiative>

If you should have any questions, please contact Public Relations Director Todd McGee at (919) 715-7336 or [todd.mcgee@ncacc.org](mailto:todd.mcgee@ncacc.org).

Thank you.



www.harnett.org

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C. Gordon Springle, Vice Chairman

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Barbara McKoy

Joe Miller

Gina Wheeler, Clerk to the Board

PO Box 759

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Lillington, NC 27546

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July 24, 2015

The Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor  
State of North Carolina  
20301 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-0301

Dear Governor McCrory: <sup>PAT</sup>

Thank you for all you have done for Harnett County and for the many visits you have made for ribbon cuttings, ground breakings and all the other special events you have helped us celebrate.

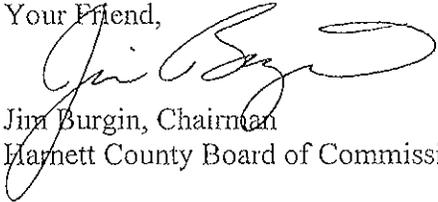
I understand you are not in favor of Senate Bill 369, the Sales Tax Fairness Act, and that you have said you plan to veto this bill.

Pat, I respectfully ask, on behalf of the citizens of Harnett County, that you reconsider and support a bill that will help not only Harnett County, but 83 of your state's 100 counties with the remaining counties recouping any losses within the four year implementation period.

Harnett County is one of the fastest growing counties in North Carolina and is struggling to provide services to accommodate that growth. Senate Bill 369 would go a long way in alleviating some of the issues we face.

Please take a few minutes to review the attached materials which include a unanimous resolution by the Harnett County Board of Commissioners in support of Senate Bill 369, as well as remarks I made on behalf of Harnett County during the Sales Tax Fairness Act Press Conference in Raleigh on Tuesday, July 21, 2015. I hope this will help change your mind.

Your Friend,

  
Jim Burgin, Chairman  
Harnett County Board of Commissioners



RESOLUTION BY THE HARNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 369

THAT WHEREAS, the North Carolina Senate has introduced Senate Bill 369, an act to phase-in the conversion of the local sales and use taxes authorized under Articles 39, 40 and 42 to a state sales and use tax that is allocated to counties and cities on a per capita basis as a local revenue source, which is also known as the Sales Tax Fairness Act; and

WHEREAS, the Act would eliminate most local sales taxes, such as the county-levied sales taxes, and convert them to a state sales tax; and

WHEREAS, the State would then distribute the funds to counties and cities based on population; and

WHEREAS, Harnett County's population has grown considerably in recent years, outpacing retail and commercial growth, causing residents to go out of county to shop; and

WHEREAS, under the current system of sales tax allotment, Harnett County loses large amounts of sales tax dollars to neighboring counties; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Harnett County lost approximately \$244 million in potential retail spending from residents shopping and dining outside of the county; and

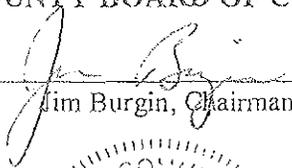
WHEREAS, under Senate Bill 369, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners estimates Harnett County would gain \$12 million in sales tax revenue in 2018-19 over the current allocation; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Harnett County Board of Commissioners:

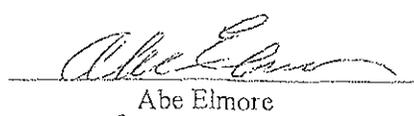
1. Declares its support of Senate Bill 369; and
2. Urges the North Carolina General Assembly to pass Senate Bill 369; and
3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of Harnett County's State delegation and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Adopted this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

HARNETT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

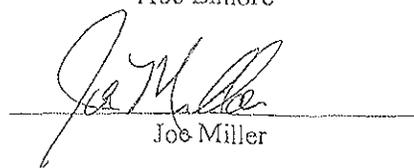
  
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## Sales Tax Fairness Act Press Conference

Tuesday, July 21, 2015

My name is Jim Burgin, and I am chairman of the Harnett County Board of Commissioners. I would like to thank Sen. Brown for dealing with a complex issue that impacts every county in North Carolina.

On April 20, 2015, the Harnett County Board of Commissioners unanimously passed a resolution in support of Senate Bill 369, the Sales Tax Fairness Act. We did that for the following reasons:

- In 2014, Harnett County lost \$244,458,663 in potential retail spending from residents shopping and dining outside of our county. That equals more than five and a half million in lost sales tax dollars.
- We are a rural county, located between two of our state's largest urban centers, which has resulted in sales tax revenue leaving our county on all sides.
- Our property tax rate is 75 cents per \$100 property valuation, which is the 26<sup>th</sup> highest tax rate in the state and one of the highest in our region. Other counties in our region have tax rates that are as much as 28.5 cents lower than ours.
- Our sales tax rate is 7 percent, compared with 6.75 percent in many of our surrounding counties.
- Harnett County is one of the fastest growing counties in North Carolina. Much of our recent growth has come as the result of military families coming to Fort Bragg, though no additional state or federal funding has accompanied this population increase.
- We are expected to continue growing at twice the rate of the state, but business retail doesn't come until after residential growth, leaving our county struggling to find a way to meet the needs of our growing population.

- Every day, two thirds of Harnett County's labor force commutes to work outside of our county, which is the highest outmigration percentage in our region.
- The rating of public schools is one of the top factors companies consider when deciding where to locate their business.
- Harnett County ranked 95<sup>th</sup> out of 115 school systems in the state in local per pupil expenditures in 2013-14, spending \$1,034 per student.
- Only one county in our region ranked behind us with one county ranking as high as sixth in the state.
- In 2015, our average teacher supplement was \$2,261, ranking 59<sup>th</sup> out of 115 school systems in the state.
- This change in the sales tax distribution formula would allow Harnett County to increase its support of our public schools and build quality schools that are needed to accommodate our rapid population growth.

This is not redistribution but returning taxes to their county of origin. This is no different than the State wanting sales tax for items bought through the internet. I believe this legislation is the right thing to do and this is the right time to do it.

Again, I want to thank you, Sen. Brown, for your hard work and willingness to work towards a solution to this issue that is fair for everyone.

Jim Burgin, Chairman  
Harnett County Board of Commissioners

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
NEWS RELEASE  
July 6, 2015  
(336) 679-4200

The Yadkin County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution today strongly endorsing Senate Bill 1648, the "Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act (REACH)". The Board urged the United States Senate and the House of Representatives to enact the bill promptly into law.

The bill was introduced by Senator Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa. Grassley has served in the Senate for 34 years and was a longtime Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. Grassley currently serves as Chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The REACH Act would establish the Rural Emergency Hospital designation under Medicare that will allow emergency medical services in rural areas to be compensated at 110% of the reasonable costs. This will strongly encourage premier medical service providers to re-establish in rural areas like Yadkin County.

Chairman of the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners Kevin Austin said, "This Grassley bill appears to be tailor made for Yadkin County and may well be the answer to the many prayers of our citizens. We have encouraged Senator Burr and Senator Tillis and Congresswoman Foxx to support the bill and to ask all their colleagues to join in and pass it into law in the immediate future."



**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR YADKIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA SUPPORTING CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION**

**WHEREAS**, Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) introduced Senate Bill 1648 in the 1<sup>st</sup> Session of the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress; and

**WHEREAS**, this bill is entitled the "Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act"; and

**WHEREAS**, according to research conducted by the University of North Carolina's Center for Health Services, 55 rural hospitals have closed since January 2010; and

**WHEREAS**, iVantage conducted a study in 2014 that identified 283 rural hospitals at risk for closing based upon indicators similar to those that have already closed; and

**WHEREAS**, inpatient volume has been determined as a substantial factor for these at-risk hospitals having an average daily bed census of 2 or less; and

**WHEREAS**, closure of hospitals has a significant impact by the loss of medical services and emergency medical care to the citizens of the community, as well as the damage to the local economy; and

**WHEREAS**, SB 1648 creates a Rural Emergency Hospital designation under Medicare that will allow emergency medical services in rural areas without the requirement of inpatient beds; and

**WHEREAS**, rural emergency hospitals may convert the space previously used for inpatient beds to provide other medical services; and

**WHEREAS**, the term "rural emergency hospital" applies to facilities that, as of December 31, 2014 were 1) a critical access hospital, 2) a hospital with fewer than 50 beds in a rural community or, 3) a critical access hospital that ceased operations within 5 years prior to the enactment of SB 1648 and ending on December 30, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, a rural emergency hospital would not provide acute care inpatient beds and has protocols in place for timely transfer of patients to inpatient facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, a qualifying rural hospital can elect this designation and can receive approval from the State to operate as a rural emergency hospital; and

**WHEREAS**, services provided by a rural emergency hospital are on an outpatient basis; and,

**WHEREAS**, payment to hospital medical providers for rural emergency hospital services or other providers of ambulance services to transfer patients who require acute care inpatient services from a rural emergency hospital is equal to 110 percent of the reasonable costs of providing such services; and

**WHEREAS**, costs associated with having a back-up physician available by telecommunications shall be considered reasonable costs; and,

**WHEREAS**, the State shall certify a facility as a rural emergency hospital by verifying that the facility is 1) verified by the American College of Surgeons as having the resources required of a level IV trauma center or higher or, 2) employs healthcare professionals who successfully completed the Advanced Trauma Life Support Course offered by the American College of Surgeons within the preceding 4 years; and,

**WHEREAS**, for every critical access hospital in a State designated as a rural emergency hospital, the State will have the option to waive the distance requirement; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act permits hospitals with approved residency programs in emergency medicine to include time spent by interns and residents in the emergency room in the full-time equivalent count; and,

**WHEREAS**, Yadkin Valley Community Hospital, located in Yadkinville, NC was an approved 22-inpatient bed critical access hospital until its abrupt closure on May 22, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, the Yadkin County Board of Commissioners is endeavoring to re-open the hospital as soon as possible with an Emergency Department.

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

Section 1. The County of Yadkin strongly supports Senator Grassley's "Rural Emergency Acute Care Hospital Act" and encourages the Senate and the House of Representatives to enact it promptly into law; and

Section 2. The County Manager, County Attorney and Clerk to the Board of Commissioners are directed to forward copies of this resolution to Senator Richard Burr, Senator Thom Tillis, Congresswoman Virginia Foxx and all North Carolina county and municipal clerks.

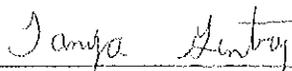
Section 3. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 6th day of July, 2015.

ATTEST:



Kevin Austin, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

(COUNTY SEAL)