

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

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

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

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

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ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 1

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date September 10, 2015

SUBJECT: TIP (Transportation Improvement Program) update

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Rural Transportation Organization Planner Janet Robertson

PURPOSE: Provide an update on the multi-year schedule established by the North Carolina Department of Transportation for its transportation projects in the region.

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive information.

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ITEM NO. 2

 Information

 X Action Item

 Consent Agenda

Meeting Date September 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Community report: Crime and Drug Committee activities

DEPARTMENT: Governing body

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Crime and Drug Committee Chair Noran Sanford

PURPOSE: Discuss three prioritized programs the Committee will pursue and request approval of several changes to the Committee bylaws

ATTACHMENTS: Summary of presentation
Crime and Drug Committee bylaws

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive report and consider action on the requested changes to the bylaws.

Crime and Drug Committee
of The City of Laurinburg/Scotland County

As voted upon in our committee on 8/3/2015, we are making the following requests in an effort to ensure we achieve quorum..

- 1) We are requesting to move our meeting day from the first Monday of the month to the first Thursday of the month as reflected by a change in our bylaws.
- 2) We are requesting to eliminate the Secretary position as it has never been needed.
- 3) We are requesting to reduce our membership by two members removing an open seat from the City and an open seat from the county as reflected by a change in our bylaws.
- 4) We have prioritized three programs for the following fiscal year
 - A) Support a Gang Awareness Workshop with the joint support of Eastpoint MCO and the JCPC of Scotland Co.
 - B) Revive the effort to consolidate information on no cost or low cost events/services for young people in our community for parents and providers. This would create a one stop portal where parents could access all the services that choose to participate. Youth Organizations United Scotland (Y.O.U. Scotland)
 - C) Organize a community grief response for any family who loses a young person 16 years of age or younger to violent crime and for any family who loses a first responder in the line of duty. This would utilize neutral spaces such as area churches to feed and support the families.



LAURINBURG/SCOTLAND COUNTY CRIME AND DRUG COMMITTEE

Name of Committee: Laurinburg/Scotland County Crime and Drug Committee

Type of Committee: The committee shall be an advisory committee to the Laurinburg City Council and to the Scotland County Board of Commissioners

Mission: To develop strategies to reduce, prevent, and respond to crime, drug and gang activity.

I. Membership

A. The committee shall consist of at least five (5) but no more than 10 members appointed by each of the governing bodies, each serving without compensation.

- The City and County each will be responsible for appointing five (5) to 10 individuals to the Crime and Drug Committee.
- Ex officio members, who are not voting members, will include the following:
 1. Representative from the Scotland County Sheriff's Department (preferably an individual well-versed in gang activity)
 2. Representative from the Laurinburg Police Department
 3. Representative from the Scotland County Court System
 4. Representative from the Scotland County School System
 5. The Mayor of the City of Laurinburg

B. Laurinburg citizens wishing to serve on the committee must submit application to City Clerk requesting appointment. The City Clerk shall then forward to Council for action.

C. Scotland County citizens wishing to serve on the committee must submit application to the Clerk to the Board for the Scotland County Board of Commissioners requesting appointment. The County Clerk shall then forward to the Board of Commissioners for action.

D. Committee members shall be appointed by the Council or Board of Commissioners, each to serve 2-year terms renewable without limitations to the number of consecutive terms.

2. Terms of Appointment

- A. Appointments shall be for two years expiring in November.
- B. All members shall faithfully attend the meetings of the Laurinburg/Scotland County Crime and Drug Committee. Failure to attend two (2) consecutive meetings without providing prior notification to the Committee Chair, the City Clerk or the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Scotland County may be cause for removal from the Crime and Drug Committee.
- C. Committee members who wish to resign their position shall submit any such request to the City Clerk or County Clerk, as appropriate, who shall provide it to Council or Board of Commissioners for acceptance.

3. Committee Structure

- A. Chairperson: The committee membership shall select from among themselves a chairperson.
 - i. The Chairperson shall serve for two years.
 - ii. The Chairperson shall be selected at the first meeting after appointment.
- B. Vice-Chairperson. The Committee membership shall select from among themselves a Vice-Chairperson.
 - i. The Vice-Chairperson shall serve for two years.
 - ii. The Vice-Chairperson shall be selected at the first meeting after appointment.
- C. Secretary. The City Clerk shall serve as the Secretary of the Committee and prepare all minutes. In her absence, one (1) of the Committee members shall take notes and provide to the City Clerk so that she can prepare minutes..
- D. The City Manager or his designee shall serve as staff for the Committee.

4. Projects and Duties

- A. Projects may be assigned by the City Council or suggested by the Committee; however, project implementation shall be subject to approval of the City Council and the Scotland County Board of Commissioners.

5. Meetings

- A. The Committee shall establish its own regular meeting schedule, which as of the date of adoption of this revision to the Guidelines is the first Thursday of every month (except the month of July) at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the

Municipal Building located at 303 West Church Street. There will be no meeting in the month of July.

- B. The Committee shall be required to meet at least as often as 5.A. above specifies.
- C. All Committee meetings are subject to the North Carolina Open Meetings Statutes.
- D. The Committee meetings schedule shall be provided to the City Clerk who shall make all the necessary announcements and postings.
- E. Minutes of all meetings shall be maintained in accordance with the Public Records laws and regulations with approved Committee meeting minutes submitted to the City Clerk for the appropriate filing, posting and distribution to Council and to the Clerk to the Board of Commissioners of Scotland County.
- F. A simple majority of the members, one of which must be the Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson, constitute a quorum.

6. Meeting Notices

The Chairperson shall coordinate and request the City Clerk to announce meetings of the Laurinburg/Scotland County Crime and Drug Committee. The City Clerk shall notify the County Clerk.

7. Reports

- A. Annually during the budget process, the Committee will present a report to Council and the County Commissioners on suggested projects for the next fiscal year.
- B. The Crime and Drug Committee minutes will be submitted monthly to Council and the Board of Commissioners in their agenda packets for information.

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ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 3

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date September 10, 2015

SUBJECT: County revenues and expenditures update

DEPARTMENT: Administration

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Finance Officer Beth Hobbs

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

ATTACHMENTS: Fund Balance report as of June 30, 2015
Revenues and Expenditures as of June 30, 2015

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive report

**SCOTLAND COUNTY
GENERAL FUND
FUND BALANCE REPORT
June 30, 2015**

GENERAL FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2014		\$ 11,947,265
<i>Nonspendable</i>	5,207	
<i>Restricted</i>	3,806,306	
<i>Committed</i>	138,034	
<i>Unassigned</i>	7,997,718	
 REVENUES		 \$ 39,436,612
 EXPENDITURES		 \$ 38,327,808
 TRANSFERS		 \$ -
 GENERAL FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2015		 \$ 13,056,069

FUND BALANCE ANALYSIS

FY 2014

<u>Fund Balance (Unassigned)</u>	=	<u>7,997,718</u>	=	21.88%
Total Fund Expenditures		36,553,002		

FY 2015 - LGC Criteria - Projected

<u>Fund Balance (Unassigned)</u>	=	<u>7,833,641</u>	=	20.44%
General Fund Expenditures		38,327,808		

SCOTLAND COUNTY
REVENUES & EXPENDITURES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2015

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	BUDGET AMENDMENTS	CURRENT BUDGET	ACTUAL 6/30/2015	%	EXPLANATION
REVENUES						
<i>Type:</i>						
Property Tax	20,590,258	2,157,219	22,747,477	22,217,050	98%	
Local Option Sales Tax	5,201,656	215,691	5,417,347	5,552,878	103%	Increase in sales tax revenues due to internet sales & 2013 Tax Act
Franchise Tax	90,000	(28,000)	62,000	45,960	74%	
Unrestricted Revenues	90,000	88,028	178,028	179,621	101%	
Restricted Revenues	10,290,717	859,505	11,150,222	8,226,530	74%	
Permits and Fees	304,690	37,350	342,040	372,911	109%	Increase in permits
Sales and Services	1,329,205	278,982	1,608,187	1,608,441	100%	
Investment Earnings	10,650	-	10,650	12,645	119%	
Fines and Forfeitures	275,000	(79,130)	195,870	205,519	105%	
Miscellaneous	398,912	1,377,053	1,775,965	1,015,053	57%	Budget includes fund balance appropriated for FCC incentive & anticipated miscellaneous revenues
Total Revenues	38,581,088	4,906,698	43,487,786	39,436,608	91%	
EXPENDITURES						
<i>Department:</i>						
Governing Body	66,193	300	66,493	65,920	99%	
Administration	688,486	2,379,039	3,067,525	577,252	19%	Offset to general contingencies due to increase in revenues
Revaluation	75,000	-	75,000	75,000	100%	
Board of Elections	194,029	-	194,029	178,804	92%	
Tax	864,411	(32,488)	831,923	773,354	93%	
Legal	39,125	20,288	59,413	66,282	112%	Additional expense incurred for property tax dispute
Register of Deeds	240,804	36,400	277,204	248,904	90%	
Cour. Facilities	-	5,642	5,642	5,641	100%	
Sheriff	2,828,320	219,526	3,047,846	2,891,216	95%	
Jail	1,826,092	(21,800)	1,804,292	1,695,572	94%	
Drug	10,000	25,002	35,002	9,600	27%	Funds are disbursed as requested by sheriff
Criminal Justice Grant	-	65,500	65,500	55,527	85%	
EMS	1,941,488	59,994	2,001,482	1,763,082	88%	Vacant positions
911 Center	494,203	(98,480)	395,723	339,691	86%	Operations started late September
Emergency Management	-	1,104	1,104	-	0%	
Rescue Squad	28,525	-	28,525	26,776	94%	
Medical Examiner	30,000	-	30,000	25,000	83%	Billed based on services provided
Forestry	99,896	(1,238)	98,658	79,471	81%	Funds are disbursed as requested
Transportation	544,501	204,781	749,282	427,235	57%	
Inspections	311,588	33,300	344,888	281,577	82%	
Planning & Zoning	3,090	1,500	4,590	781	17%	Requests funds as needed
General Services	453,560	(22,450)	431,110	411,467	95%	
Information Technology	268,132	-	268,132	209,083	78%	Purchases are made as needed by IT
Public Buildings	1,343,308	66,100	1,409,408	1,257,299	89%	Vacant positions
Co-Op Extension	150,308	-	150,308	127,440	85%	
Soil & Water	70,930	-	70,930	65,354	92%	
Parks & Rec	707,146	45,142	752,288	628,930	84%	
Library	428,375	6,951	435,326	416,512	96%	
Health	2,760,954	80,363	2,841,317	2,598,521	91%	Vacant positions
DSS	8,649,220	176,244	8,825,464	8,151,426	92%	Vacant positions
Veterans Services	51,289	-	51,289	49,897	97%	
RCC	298,199	-	298,199	298,199	100%	
Debt Services	-	-	-	-	0%	
Lumber River COG	26,189	-	26,189	26,189	100%	
SEDC	3,960	-	3,960	3,254	82%	
Industry Incentives	72,500	1,315,800	1,388,300	1,388,201	100%	FCC & Meritor
Scots for Youth / JCPC	200,000	(47,672)	152,328	152,256	100%	
Humane Society	120,000	2,620	122,620	122,620	100%	
Mental Health	79,420	-	79,420	79,643	100%	
Schools	12,611,847	385,230	12,997,077	12,754,832	98%	
Total Expenditures	38,581,088	4,906,698	43,487,786	38,327,808	88%	
Revenues over Expenditures				1,108,800		

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ITEM NO. 4

 Information

 Action Item

 X Consent Agenda

Meeting Date September 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Consent Agenda

DEPARTMENT: Administration/Multiple

- a) Approve minutes of the July 30, 2015 special meeting and August 3, 2015 regular meeting.
- b) Approve resolution authorizing the sale of retired K9 Captain Lola to her handler.
- c) Approve release of funds in the amount of \$83.50, release of funds in the amount of \$12,570.13, refunds in the amount of \$25.95, refunds in the amount of \$1,660.17 and discoveries in the amount of \$5,884.69.
- d) Approve Scotland County Memorial Library request to forgive the fines of 509 patrons totaling \$3,239.70.
- e) Approve Health Department request to add Fern Test fees, fees for new lab services and updated LabCorp Services fees.
- f) Budget Amendments:
 - 1. Health: Approve receipt of Ebola Preparedness grant in the amount of \$20,000, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the monies within the fiscal year. No County dollars.
 - 2. Library: Approve receipt of revenues from collection of fines in the amount of \$11,000, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the monies.
 - 3. Sheriff: Approve receipt of funds from Murphy-Brown in the amount of \$2,500 for the purchase of a K9, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the monies. No County dollars.

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive recommendations and consider action

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners special meeting
July 30, 2015, Small Business Innovation Center, Laurinburg, NC**

Commissioners present: Chairman Guy McCook, Vice Chair Carol McCall and Commissioners John Alford, Bob Davis, Betty Blue Gholston and Whit Gibson. Commissioners not present: Commissioner Clarence McPhatter. Staff present: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann Kurtzman.

At 9 a.m. Chairman McCook called the special meeting to order. Commissioner Alford offered a prayer.

Vice Chair Carol McCall said the Memorandum of Agreement between the County and the Board of Education is available for review. Vice Chair McCall said paragraphs 6 and 7 were amended after the Liaison Committee came to an agreement on the wording.

Vice Chair McCall said the wording included referring to the Liaison Committee as one committee and not two separate committees. The Committee will continue to meet quarterly as of January 2016. The County would not discuss the school funding law with State elected officials at any time before March 1, 2017. The Board of Education would not invoke the General Statute during that time.

The Commissioners commended the Liaison Committee for its work in reaching a two-year funding agreement. Commissioner Gibson said it created a dialogue that hopefully will continue.

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

Ms. Kurtzman was excused from the closed session meeting.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook
Chairman

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
August 3, 2015, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC*

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners
August 3, 2015 A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC 28352**

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

At 7 p.m. Chairman McCook called the meeting to order. Commissioner Davis delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to approve the August 3 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Public Forum

Mr. Sherman McNeill asked how close a livestock operation could be built to a residential area.

Chairman McCook directed Mr. Patterson to respond to Mr. McNeill.

Mr. Bill Stubbs, Scotland County, said installation of a four-way stop at US 15-501 would be a disaster. Mr. Stubbs said a four-way stop would not stop or slow down traffic and he is worried lives would be lost.

Ms. Donna Ransom asked why she would have to pay an \$85 trash fee for service she does not receive.

Chairman McCook said fees at convenience sites are waived for up to 10 bags a week.

Mr. Bengie Hair was introduced as the new Health Director.

Community report: Presentation on Scotland Arts Council grant

Mr. McNair Evans is the administrator of a two-year grant for a project called Echode, which catalogs and makes available Scotland County history in photographs and documents online. Mr. Evans said identifying preexisting archives is the first phase. The second phase will be to produce them as public art installations. Mr. Evans said people can upload documents to the website and tell a story about it. Echode is a consolidated voice online.

Report from the Schools

Public Information Officer Meredith Bounds discussed curriculum review week, a summer initiative that solicits recommendations and adjustments moving forward into the next year. Teachers were afforded a greater voice in the process across the district. Ms. Bounds identified the principal school assignments. She discussed the construction going on at Sycamore Lane to accommodate elementary school students and the implementation of corner stops. The bus will stop at a center point rather than at every single house. None of the routes will be longer than an hour.

Child Fatality Prevention Team 2014 annual report

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CFPT Chair Carlotta Rivers reviewed the case data and trends in North Carolina child death. Ms. Rivers said in 2013 child death in Scotland County at 4.5 was at an all-time low in comparison to 7 in the State child death rate. Ms. Rivers said the two cases reviewed were non-injury related. She asked the Commissioners to approve the list of names on the Child Fatality Protection Team.

Community Child Protection Team 2014 annual report

CCPT member April Snead said the Community Child Protection Team focuses on prevention of death, abuse and neglect. Six cases were presented and the CCPT looked to identify trends and make recommendations. Substance abuse and mental health disorder are two trends. Ms. Snead discussed awareness programs as part of the prevention campaign. Ms. Snead asked the Commissioners to approve the list of CCPT members for 2015.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to approve the Child Fatality Protection Team and Community Child Protection Team for 2015. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Settlement for Current Year Taxes

Tax Administrator Mary Helen Norton discussed current year taxes as of June 2015 and total credits as of June 2015. She discussed prior year delinquent taxes.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the Settlement for Current Year Taxes as of June 30, 2015 and the Settlement for Delinquent Taxes as of June 30, 2015. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Consent Agenda:

- 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.

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

Liaison Committee update

Vice Chair McCall discussed final draft of the funding agreement between the School Board and the Commissioners, which was the result of a 13-month process. The Board of Education approved it in July and the agreement is ready for a formal vote and signature by the Commissioners. Commissioner Gibson said a significant part of the agreement is the constructive communication and cooperation that took place over the past 13 months.

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Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the Joint Agreement for Funding of the Scotland County Schools between the Scotland County Board of Education and the Scotland County Board of Commissioners. **Vote:** Motion unanimously approved.

Scotland County Economic Development Corporation update

County Manager Patterson provided an update on the search for an economic developer. He said the SCEDC is engaged in conversations on ways of changing its vision and scope and its potential memberships. Chairman McCook said the SCEDC successes are great but there is a long way to go. Chairman McCook said it is important to find the right person to lead the economic development effort, which requires patience as the SCEDC moves in that direction.

Appointments to Boards and Committees

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to appoint Mr. John Lewis to a three-year term on the Aging Advisory Council. **Vote:** Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to reappoint Mr. Ken Jackson and Mr. Hal Jernigan to three-year terms on the Laurinburg/Scotland County Planning and Zoning Board. **Vote:** Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson to reappoint Ms. Kyle Bethel and Ms. Carole Gaskill and to appoint Mr. Rodney Hassler to four-year terms on the Scotland Memorial Library Advisory Board. **Vote:** Motion unanimously approved.

Update from the County Manager

Mr. Patterson said the Sheriff has a plan to transfer Animal Control to his department. The Sheriff will work with the Health Director on the plan. Commissioner Davis said the plan has not been discussed with the Board of Health and, although the Commissioners have final say, Commissioner Davis would hope the governing body would be guided by the wishes of the Health Board.

Mr. Patterson said the NCACC endorsed a NACo resolution supporting the Stepping Up initiative to reduce the number of people with mental health issues that are being housed in County jails and hospital ERs. Commissioner Gholston said she appreciates the intent of the resolution but there is no funding.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to adopt the Resolution Approving the Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails. **Vote:** Motion unanimously approved.

**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,

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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.

The Commissioners discussed the scheduling conflict with the September 8 regular meeting because of a Business and Economic Development Summit in Washington, DC, September 8 and 9.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to change the date of the next regular meeting to 7 p.m. Thursday, September 10, with a location to be determined. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson said NCDOT will install a four-way stop at five-points intersection August 19, which will be temporary. Mr. Patterson said future plans might be a roundabout, a split on Old Wire so it is no longer a straight through or divided highway with right turn only and a turnabout on each end further down. The Commissioners expressed concern about a four-way stop, which might be a more dangerous situation than leaving the intersection the way it is.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to send a cover letter and resolution to NCDOT asking the agency to reassess its plans for the intersection so that a permanent fix will be installed rather than a temporary one and for NCDOT to make a recommendation to the Commissioners. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson discussed the tiered availability fee, which is \$85 on improved structures in the County and \$55 for improved structures in a municipal boundary. There is a 50 percent reduction for Homestead exemption. Fees for household trash and recycling at the convenience sites and landfill for up to 10 bags a week have been eliminated. As for those who contract with a private hauler or who have their municipality haul trash pay for the collection service only. All the waste is brought to the County or outside the county, which has to have the facility in place to dispose of all the waste.

Mr. Patterson said for a number of years the County solid waste program was in the red, and the LGC instructed the County to reduce costs or generate revenues. Mr. Patterson said costs have been reduced to bare minimum and the revenue had to come from somewhere other than tax dollars because the solid waste operation must fund itself from revenue it generates. The County Manager said effort is being made to get information out as broadly as possible but getting true market saturation in the area is extremely difficult. Mr. Patterson said he is open to any ideas to improve that communication.

Commissioner comments

Commissioner Davis said the community of Ghio wants its road sign put back up. Commissioner Davis said NCDOT cannot put a sign up because it is not on the County map even though Ghio is on the State map.

Motion was made by Commissioner Davis and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to adopt a resolution recognizing Ghio as a city and forward the resolution to NCDOT requesting it put the road sign up. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall to formally endorse Senate Bill 369 by resolution regarding the redistribution of sales tax based on per capita rather than point of sale. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Closed Session

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to go into closed session in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Ms. Kurtzman was excused from the closed session meeting and returned when open session resumed.

Motion was made by Vice Chair McCall and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to return to open session. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Open Session Resumed

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
August 3, 2015, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 South Main Street, Laurinburg, NC*

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston to approve a four percent salary increase for County Manager Kevin Patterson. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Chairman McCook praised Mr. Patterson for the good job he is doing. Chairman McCook said the County Manager frequently takes the brunt of criticism from the community that is not necessarily earned. Chairman McCook said the Commissioners support Mr. Patterson and appreciate what he does.

Mr. Patterson gave an update on IT activities and the significant virus that affected the County server. Mr. Patterson said IT will meet with departments throughout the year to ensure valid dialogue continues.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson and duly seconded by Commissioner Davis to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Guy McCook
Chairman



SCOTLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
Sheriff Ralph Kersey



August 18, 2015

Re: Request for Retirement of Canine

Mr. Patterson,

I am sending you a request to retire K-9 Captain Lola from the Scotland County Sheriff's Office K-9 Division.

K9 Lola is now 10 years old and has served the Scotland County Sheriff's Office well.

I agree with Lt. Danny McClellan that at this time it is obvious with the K-9's age, health issues, performance and stamina she should retire at this time upon your approval. I also requests Lola retire to her handler. Given the time K-9 Lola has spent with her handler over the last 6 years it would be in the best interest of her handler and K-9 she remain the rest of her years with Lt. Danny McClellan.

Thank you for your consideration for this retirement request.

Sincerely,

Ralph E. Kersey, Sheriff 



SCOTLAND COUNTY

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

K-9 UNIT

212 BIGGS STREET
LAURINBURG, NORTH CAROLINA 28352

Date: August 17, 2015

To: Sheriff Ralph Kersey

From: Detective Danny McClellan

Subject: Request for Retirement of Canine

This letter is being submitted for your approval to retire K9 Lola. K9 Lola was purchased in 2010 by a donation from Murphy Brown Farms. At the time of purchase K9 Lola was 4 ½ years of age. K9 Lola has worked at the Scotland County Sheriff's Office as a Certified Police Canine from 2011 to present date. I have been the trainer and handler for K9 Lola for this entire period of time. K9 Lola is now 10 years old and her age along with issues with her hips has caused a severe decline in her performance and stamina.

I am requesting that K9 Lola be retired as soon as possible and I am further requesting that I be able to keep her due to the fact that she was purchased at no cost to the county and that I was the person responsible for her selection, purchase, training, and the fact that I have been her only handler during her career.


Detective Danny McClellan



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A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF RETIRED K-9 CAPTAIN LOLA

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department finds that K-9 Captain Lola can no longer perform as required for her job because of her age and health issues; and

WHEREAS, NCGS §160A-266(d) permits the Scotland County Board of Commissioners to authorize the disposition of personal property that is without value; and

WHEREAS, handler Lt. Danny McClellan has agreed to purchase retired K-9 Lola from the County of Scotland in the amount of \$1.00 and upon accepting custody of the dog will assume all liability and responsibility for the care of the animal for the remainder of its life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Scotland County Board of Commissioners authorizes the purchase of K-9 Lola by handler Lt. Danny McClellan for the amount of \$1.00.

Approved this 10th day of September, 2015

Guy McCook
Chairman

ATTEST:

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT
DISPOSITION OF RETIRED POLICE K-9 "RAMOS"**

The party named below and his/her family members, employees, agents, or authorized representatives do agree to indemnify, hold harmless, and defend the County of Scotland and the Scotland County Sheriff's Department and its agents and employees from all suits and actions, including attorney fees and all costs of litigation and judgment of every name and description brought against the County of Scotland or the Scotland County Sheriff's Department as a result of loss, damage, or injury to person or property resulting from the voluntary acceptance of ownership of the retired K-9 named "Lola".

North Carolina General Statute §160A-266(d) permits the Board of Commissioners to authorize the disposition of personal property that is without value. The Board of Commissioners authorized the disposition of K-9 "Lola" to the party named below at a regular open session on September 10, 2015. The party named below will become the owner of K-9 "Lola" upon accepting custody of the dog, and agrees to provide proper care for the dog for the remainder of the life of the animal. By signing below, the purchaser assumes all liability and responsibility for the dog effective upon the date of signing.

This the day of September, 2015.

Danny McClellan, Purchaser

Witness

Sheriff's Department Representative: _____



MARY HELEN NORTON
TAX ADMINISTRATOR
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TAX DEPARTMENT
212 BIGGS STREET
POST OFFICE BOX 488
LAURINBURG, NC 28353

MARTY PATE
TAX COLLECTOR
(910) 277-2566

August 3, 2015

Beth Hobbs
Finance Officer Scotland County

Re: Release and Refund Request for July 2015

Dear Ms. Hobbs,

Please find attached releases, refunds and discoveries for the month of July 2015.

The grand totals are as follows:

1. Releases less than \$100 – Totaling: \$85.30;
2. Releases more than \$100 – Totaling: \$12,570.13;
3. Refunds less than \$100 – Totaling: \$25.95; All other refunds were due to overpayment;
4. Refunds more than \$100 – Totaling: \$1,660.17; All other refunds were due to overpayment; and,
5. Discoveries – Totaling: \$5,884.69.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marty Pate".

Marty Pate
Scotland County Tax Collector

Enclosure

RELEASES LESS THAN \$100

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
101 Park Ave	2015-23924	\$ 25.95	release 10% late penalty
Lillian Locklear	2015-24003	\$ 25.75	swmh double listed
Aubrey Nelson	2015-15951	\$ 33.60	swmh demolished prior to 2015
	Total	\$ <u>85.30</u>	

RELEASES MORE THAN \$100

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
Teresa & Bobbie Bowyer	2010-2014	\$ 973.30	foreclosed 5/18/15 county owns
Teresa & Bobbie Bowyer	2010-2014	\$ 222.24	foreclosed 5/18/15 county owns
H Floyd %Floyd Properties	2014-6415	\$ 1,150.51	charged to wrong taxpayer
Laurinburg City of	2014-11099	\$ 113.51	municipality -- exempt
Willard Locklear	2014-12104	\$ 137.59	motor vehicle sold
Willard Locklear	acct 4040154	\$ 532.01	motor vehicles dlb listed with bus
Bessie Sinclair	2012-2013	\$ 899.00	doublewide repoed June 2011
Edward Taylor	2014-21436	\$ 140.01	charge off, we continued to list
Willard Locklear Trucking	2014-23095	\$ 137.59	motor vehicles dlb listed with bus
Wilbert Woodell	2006-2014	\$ 1,736.62	foreclosed 5/18/15 county owns
Personal property	2005-2014	\$ 6,527.75	listed in red/billed in error
	Total	\$ <u>12,570.13</u>	

REFUNDS LESS THAN \$100

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
101 Park Ave	2015-23924	\$ 25.95	release 10% late penalty
	Total	\$ <u>25.95</u>	

REFUNDS MORE THAN \$100

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
H Floyd %Floyd Properties	2014-6514	\$1,139.01	charged to wrong taxpayer
Oliver Laws	2013-11267	\$ 521.16	charged to wrong taxpayer
	Total	\$ <u>1,660.17</u>	

DISCOVERIES

NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
Charlene Williams	\$1,620.01	no longer qualified for elderly exclusion
Kimberly Fields	\$1,150.51	unlisted doublewide mobile home
Jonathan Ray Chavis	\$ 141.16	unlisted swmh 2011-2014
Chue Vang et al	\$ 234.92	unlisted swmh 2013-2015
Danny Miller et al	\$ 182.76	unlisted swmh 2010-2014
J & N Enterprises	\$ 182.76	unlisted swmh 2010-2014
J & N Enterprises	\$ 182.76	unlisted swmh 2010-2014
Bernice McCormick	\$ 32.40	unlisted swmh 2014
Minnie Crum	\$2,125.01	no longer qualified for elderly exclusion
Freddie Jackson	\$ 32.40	unlisted swmh for 2014
	Total	\$ <u>5,884.69</u>



Memorandum

Date: 27 August 2015

To: Scotland County Board of Commissioners

From: Leon L. Gyles, Director Scotland County Memorial Library

Subj: Library Fine Forgiveness Request

Problem:

In our effort to have a smooth transition to a new database in July 2016, the library staff has identified a number of patrons with expired library cards who owe fines to the county.

Discussion:

During this transition process we have identified over 2800 library patrons who have not used their library card in over 2 years. Of these patrons there are 509 with fines ranging from \$0.30 to \$20.00 for a total amount of \$3239.70.

Request:

I request your approval to forgive the fines of these 509 individuals (providing these patrons currently do NOT have any material checked out) in order to continue the transition process.

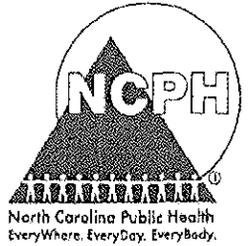
Respectfully,

Leon L. Gyles



SCOTLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Bengie Hair, BSPA
Health Director

August 19, 2015

To: Kevin Patterson
County Manager

From: Bengie Hair, BSPA
Health Director

Subject: Budget Request

On August 18, 2015, the Board of Health approved the following:

- A. Request to add Fern Test to fees-Price \$10.00
- B. New Lab Services

Name	Cost	Suggested Price
Platelet Count	\$3.00	\$3.00
Liver Function Profile	\$2.90	\$3.00
Herpes Culture	\$127.25	\$128.00
CBC w/Differential & Platelet	\$3.00	\$3.00
Adult Lead	\$61.00	\$61.00

- C. LabCorp Services that have been updated in price

Name	Current Price	New Price
ABO	\$22.00	\$13.00
Antibody Screen/IDC	\$9.00	\$11.00
Anemia B Profile	\$76.00	\$41.00
Chlamydia/GC Probe	\$23.00	\$30.00
Group B Beta Strep	\$24.00	\$4.00
Hemoglobin A1C	\$6.25	\$4.00
Pap Smear	\$25.00	\$26.00
Rubella	\$9.00	\$11.00
Urine Culture	\$13.00	\$8.00
Varicella IgG	\$9.00	\$11.00

On August 18, 2015, the Board of Health approved the receipt of the below mentioned funds. We request that you approve the transfer of these funds to the FY 2015-2016 budget year and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to expend these funds within the Fiscal Year.

- A. Ebola Preparedness Grant \$20,000

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 5

 Information

 X Action Item

 Consent Agenda

Meeting Date September 10, 2015

SUBJECT: Update on activities in the Sheriff Department and in the Jail

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff

PUBLIC HEARING: No

CONTACT PERSON: Sheriff Ralph Kersey

PURPOSE: Update the Commissioners on activities in the Office of the Sheriff and provide follow up information on Jail improvements as a result of the State inspection

ATTACHMENTS: N/A

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Receive information

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 6

 Information

 X Action Item

 Consent Agenda

Meeting Date September 10, 2015

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

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Make appointments as necessary



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TO: SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM: ANN W. KURTZMAN *AWK*
DATE: September 1, 2015
SUBJECT: VACANCIES ON BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

SCOTLAND COUNTY MEMORIAL LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD

One seat is available. **Ms. Freddie Davis** completed a first term and wishes to be reappointed to a second four-year term.

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

ABC BOARD

One seat will become available in December.

JURY COMMISSION

One seat will be available in August.

LAURINBURG/SCOTLAND COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING BOARD

One seat is available. Appointee 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 BOARD OF HEALTH

Terms for the nurse representative, veterinarian representative and a public-spirited citizen will expire in December.

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 OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

ITEM NO. 7

Information

Action Item

Consent Agenda

Meeting Date September 10, 2015

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
Availability Fee resolution
Regional Water Conference information
Ghio resolution
Five-points letter and resolution
Sales tax redistribution resolution
Resolutions from other counties
Eastpointe proclamation
Letter regarding poultry farms and zoning

BACKGROUND: N/A

PRIOR BOARD ACTION: N/A

RECOMMENDATIONS: Take action as necessary



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September 2, 2015

To: Board of County Commissioner

From: Kevin Patterson

Re: Monthly Report

Solid Waste Availability Fee: Annually the Board has to authorize the Tax Administrator to collect property taxes. The Board also has to separately authorize the Tax Administrator to collect Solid Waste Availability Fees. Attached is the resolution doing so. This resolution corrects any issue with the collection process.

Request approval of the resolution

State Budget – Last week the State passed a third continuing resolution until September 18. The House and Senate have agreed on the total amount of the budget. There are a few last items that are creating the divide between the House and Senate. The Senate appointed budget conferees on Thursday 8/27. The House appointed members the previous week.

Update

State Sales Tax distribution change – House Bill 117 passed the House and Senate. The House did not concur with the bill so it is now in conference committee.

Update

LRCOG Regional Water Conference – September 23, 9:00 to 3:00 at the Southeastern NC Agricultural Events Center. This event will discuss hydrology of the region as well as potential planning activities. Registration deadline is 9/18. You should have received a copy of the agenda and registration form by email.

Update

Water Tanks – I have met with our engineers for the water system. They are preparing a scope of work for bid for the maintenance of the water towers. This should be completed in November to begin soliciting bids in December.

Update

Solid Waste Plan – I have met with our engineers for our solid waste operations. They are developing different operational models for the Board to consider at the mid-year retreat.

Update

Capital Committee – I request the capital committee meet in September to discuss a number of projects. I request the 24, 25, 28 or 29th.

Request capital committee meeting



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Resolution approving solid waste availability fees to be billed and collected as property taxes

WHEREAS, Scotland County operates solid waste collection and disposal facilities in areas outside the corporate limits of a city; and

WHEREAS, according to G.S. §153A-292, the Scotland County Board of Commissioners may impose a fee for the collection of solid waste, which may not exceed the costs of collection; and

WHEREAS, the fee for availability may be imposed on all improved property in the County that benefits from the availability of the facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Scotland County Board of Commissioners that Scotland County solid waste fees shall be billed and collected as property taxes and once added to the property tax bill, the fees are subject to the same collection remedies as property taxes.

Approved this, the 10th day of September, 2015.

Guy McCook
Chairman

ATTEST

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

SCOTLAND COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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April M. Snead, MPM
Director

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At this time the Child Support unit of the Scotland County Department of Social Services struggles to meet State and Federal incentive goals. This negatively impacts receipt of incentive funding each fiscal year. At the end of fiscal year 2015 Scotland County was behind the State average in four of the five goals established by North Carolina and failed to meet goals set specifically for Scotland County based on the previous year's performance. The unit failed to meet 40% of the state imposed goals, only meeting two of five goals. The five goals established across the state include the percent of case with paternity established, percent of cases under court order for payment, percent support due vs. the percent of support paid, percent of cases under arrears order with payment made, and total collections. The unit failed to meet 25% of the federally imposed goals only meeting two of the eight goals. The eight goals established federally include enforcement, establishment, expedited processing in 12 months, expedited processing in 6 months, interstate deadlines, medical insurance requirements, review and adjustment requirements, and review and adjustment completions. State caseload recommendations provided by the Department of Health and Human Services recommend a maximum of 325 cases per child support agent. At this time each Child Support agent in Scotland County has an average of 474 cases. The unit is understaffed and ill-equipped to work at a pace to meet all established goals. As each goal is not met, the amount of incentive funding available to the Department is reduced annually based on this failure.

The Department has tried other means to improve child support goals including visits to other Child Support units in neighboring counties, the use of a child support "locate board," ongoing self-assessments, monthly meetings with the state assigned Child Support representative, attending Child Support training and conferences. While these actions have improved reaching goal percentages slightly, additional staff would reduce caseload sizes, providing more time for agents to work and meet the 13 goals previously outlined, ultimately increasing total collections for custodial parents, North Carolina, and incentive funding for Scotland County.

The Department is requesting an additional position of Child Support Agent II. As a result of the 2013 Federal Fiscal Year settlement, the Scotland County Child Support unit received an additional \$66,800 in incentive funding on 6/24/15. This is in addition to the projected \$115,829.00 to be received throughout the 2015-2016 fiscal year. These additional funds, combined with the 66% reimbursement rate for Child Support administrative costs, will completely fund a new position. A new position within the unit will allow for caseload reduction and ultimately increase collections, increasing incentive payments to the Department in the upcoming years. To sustain the new Child Support Agent II position in future fiscal years, the Department will continue to submit for 66% administrative reimbursement and have the availability of incentive funding. Attached for your review includes correspondence from Sally McDonald, Regional Program Representative, State average of goals met as compared to Scotland County average of goals met, Child Support Federal goals as compared to the Federally set standards and statewide scores, regional Child Support caseload sizes as compared to Statewide goal rankings, the cost of one Child Support Agent II position, and history of Scotland County Child Support incentive payments.

April Snead, MPM
Director



**North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services
Division of Social Services**

Pat McCrory
Governor

Aldona Z. Vos, M.D.
Ambassador (Ret.)
Secretary DHHS

Wayne E. Black
Division Director

August 13, 2015

Ms. April Snead, Director
Scotland County Department of Social Services
P. O. Box 1647
Laurinburg, NC 28353

Dear April:

On my visit to Scotland County Child Support August 7, 2015 I met with Carolyn and James to discuss the items listed on the agenda dated July 29, 2015.

Incentive statistics are available through July 2015 and I have included a one-page statistical sheet of incentive information for Scotland County for the month of July in this email. The unit is currently performing well in the incentive categories of establishment of paternity and cases under order however they are struggling in the areas of current support paid, cases with payments to arrears and total collections in comparison to the remainder of the state. Notice your county's performance compared to the state average in these three categories.

Self-assessment statistics are available through July and I have included self-assessment statistics for my area through July in this email. The unit still needs to focus in the areas of enforcement and establishment self-assessment to become compliant in those areas.

Each month I read six cases for quality. For SFY 2016 we are focusing on quality items which are related to data reliability in an effort to be prepared for future federal data reliability audits. For the month of July the quality score for Scotland County was 97.5% and for August the quality score is 91.89%. The year-to-date average score for quality for Scotland County Child Support is 94.81%. The standard is 95%. The unit is working a report of cases which currently need attention to insure data reported to the Feds is correct. Working this report should have a positive impact on cases which currently hold errors.

Scotland County has made some excellent progress over the past five years that I have served the county as their regional representative. Having said that I need to make you aware that the county still failed to meet two incentive goals for SFY 2015 and progress has been slow in improving the two self-assessment categories still not at compliance level. The county required an action plan in these four areas for SFY 2016. In comparison, for my assigned territory of ten counties, the most areas any other county had to address in an action plan was two. I believe the current staff is overwhelmed with the amount of cases in their caseloads and

more agents are needed to manage the 4740 child support cases in Scotland County. Unfortunately the high unemployment rate in Scotland County directly impacts the amount of work that needs to be done on cases. When a noncustodial parent has steady employment, an income withholding can be affected with the employer and support can be consistently collected. For noncustodial parents who have no reported employment, staff have to expend much more effort to collect any support at all for the children. Letters and telephone calls replace income withholdings and this simply takes more time and effort. Counties receive their incentive dollars based on their performance. Better incentive scores result in higher incentive dollars brought back into the county. In addition more child support collected for Scotland County residents helps to improve the overall economy. For SFY 2015, Scotland County collected \$406,865 per child support staff position. Adding two more agent positions as soon as possible is highly recommended for improvement of both total collections and incentive potential for Scotland County.

Should you have any questions about the topics discussed during my visit or the attachments to this email, please email or call me at (910)424-3381. Please know that I am available to assist the staff in Child Support any way to provide superb child support services.

Sincerely,

Sally S. McDonald

Regional Program Representative

cc: Judy McArn
James McQueen
Carolyn Lewellen

**State Average of Goals Met as Compared to Scotland County Average of Goals Met
(July 2015)**

Goal	State Average as of 6/30/15	Scotland County Average as of 6/30/15
Paternity Established, 95.11%	99.06%	95.01%
Cases Under Order, 86.11%	86.49%	88.76%
Collections Rate, 57.04%	66.66%	56.48%
Cases with Payment to Arrears, 51.35%	66.33%	50.59%
Total Collections, \$4,861,310	101.15%	100.13%

**Child Support Federal Goals as Compared to Federal
Standard and Statewide Scores
(July 2015)**

	Enforcement (action taken within 30 days after child support case delinquent)	Establishment (child support order served within 90 day)
Standard	75.00	75.00
Statewide Score	79.73	65.76
Area Score	80.93	77.93
-	-	-
Alamance	80.56	62.75
Chatham	77.69	84.75
Columbus	87.59	72.71
Cumberland	82.06	84.73
Durham	80.44	75.15
Harnett	74.03	77.99
Moore	91.04	86.02
Orange	81.51	86.47
Richmond	90.12	93.36
SCOTLAND	64.23	55.35

**Child Support Caseload Sizes as Compared to the Five Statewide Goal Rankings
(August 2015)**

County	Caseload Sizes	Average Goal Ranking in NC
Scotland	474	97
Richmond	454	70
Moore	385	19
Robeson	430	82
Hoke	435	94

Child Support Agent II Position Cost

Position Salary	Fringe Benefits	Total Cost of Position	66% Reimbursement on Total Cost	County Cost passed to Incentive Funds
\$32,688	\$12,984.52	\$45,672.52	\$30,143.86	\$15,528.66

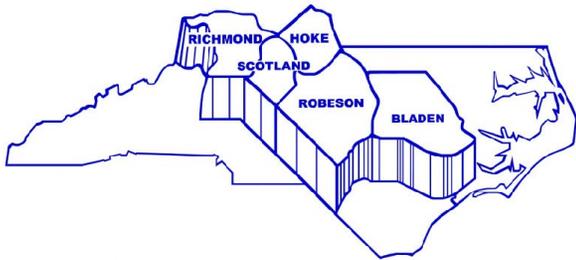
Child Support Incentive Funding

Fiscal Year	Incentive Received
2013-2014	\$58,405
2014-2015	\$110,805
2015-2016	\$115,829

Purpose

- ◇ Help educate local officials and stakeholders on the general hydrology of the southeast region of NC
- ◇ Highlight water related planning efforts and available resources
- ◇ Examine current and future issues affecting water in our region
- ◇ Facilitate interaction between participants

Lumber River Council of Governments



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Regional Water Conference



Wednesday, September 23, 2015

9:00 am to 3:00 pm

Southeastern North Carolina Agricultural
Events Center

1027 U.S. Highway 74 East
Lumberton, NC 28358

Sponsored by the Lumber River Council
of Governments

Agenda

8:30 AM Registration

9:00 AM

Welcome and Introductions – Tony Clewis, Chairman, LRCOG Board of Directors

Purpose of Conference and Agenda Details – Jan Maynor, Executive Director LRCOG

Backdrop: A Chronology of Past Activities– Jim Perry, Special Projects Planner, LRCOG

9:30 AM

Session 1. Hydrology of Southeastern North Carolina

This session is designed to provide those in attendance a background in the geology and hydrology that constitute the water resources of our region. The presenters will also discuss issues related to surface and ground water.

Moderator: Jan Maynor, Executive Director, LRCOG

Surface Water: Tom Fransen, Water Planning Section Chief, Division of Water Resources, NC Department of Environment and Natural Resources (NCDENR)

Ground Water: Dr. Richard Spruill, Professor of Geology, East Carolina University (ECU), Principal in Ground Water Management Associates (GMA)

10:30 AM Break

10:45 AM

Session 2. Regional Water Planning Activities

This session is intended to bring to light some of the many water resource planning activities that have been undertaken in recent years or are on-going at present.

Note: In the interest of time, the Moderator will highlight some of the other resources available and how they can be accessed.

PANEL

Moderator: Jean Klein, Regional Planner, LRCOG

- * Aquifer Hydrogeologic Framework and Ground Water Level Monitoring – Nat Wilson, Ground Water Management Branch Chief, Ground Water Management Division, NCDENR

- * Sustainable Ground Water Development and Management; the Value of Modeling in the Process – Dr. Richard Spruill, ECU / GMA

- * Alternative Regional Water Supply Sources WestPoint Stevens Water and Wastewater Facilities – Kevin Patterson, Scotland County Manager Bladen Bluffs Regional Water Plant – Don Betz, Executive Director Lower Cape Fear Water and Sewer Authority

12:30 PM Lunch (provided)

1:15 PM

Session 3. Current and Future Regional Water Issues

This session is designed to highlight some of the most critical water related issues facing the southeast region of the state; supply, infrastructure and funding, and quality.

Panel

Moderator: Jan Maynor, Executive Director, LRCOG

1. Water Supply and Demand

Tom Fransen, Water Planning Section Chief, Division of Water Resources, NCDENR

2. Water / Sewer Infrastructure and Financing

Kim Colson, Division Director, Division of Water Infrastructure, NCDENR
Jean Klein, Regional Planner, LRCOG

3. Water Quality (Integrated Planning and Quality Issues)

Ian McMillan, Basin Planning Branch Chief, Division of Water Resources, NCDENR

2:40 PM

Closing Session and Final Remarks - Interaction and Feedback

Moderators: Jan Maynor, Executive Director, LRCOG
Jean Klein, Regional Planner, LRCOG

Regional Water Conference Registration Register by September 18, 2015 Registration Fee

\$25.00

- Send fees with registration
- No refunds, but may substitute attendees.

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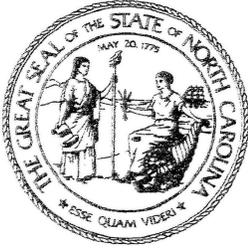
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Resolution recognizing Ghio as a community in Scotland County

WHEREAS, Ghio is a community located along Highway 381 between the Town of Gibson and the Richmond County line; and

WHEREAS, subdivisions are located in Ghio and described by several online mapping sites as a populated place located in Scotland County at latitude 34.817 and longitude -79.651 with a geographical location in Scotland County, North Carolina, United States, North America with geographical coordinates: 34° 49' 0" North, 79° 39' 4" West; and

WHEREAS, according to Accurate Maps & Atlas, Inc., in Columbia, SC, Ghio is identified on the Scotland County map as being located just below what was known as Ghio Road and is currently known as County Line Road; and

WHEREAS, the Scotland County Board of Commissioners recognizes Ghio as a community within the boundaries of Scotland County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotland County Board of Commissioners asks the North Carolina Department of Transportation to likewise recognize Ghio as a Scotland County community and place a road sign that says Ghio at the intersection of Ghio and Tabernacle roads.

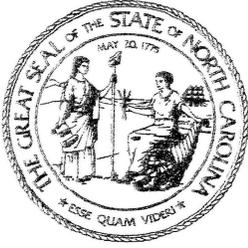
Approved this, the 3rd day of August, 2015.


Guy McCook
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ATTEST


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August 6, 2015

Mr. Rob Stone, II, PE
NCDOT District 8 Engineer
902 N. Sandhills Boulevard
Aberdeen, NC 28315

Dear Mr. Stone,

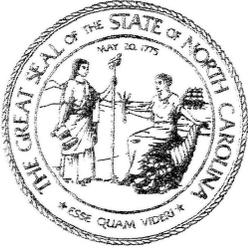
The Scotland County Board of Commissioners is grateful to you and the North Carolina Department of Transportation for its active and continued work in developing a solution that would mitigate the hazardous traffic conditions on the US15-501 Old Wire Road intersection.

The Commissioners were alerted to the fact that the DOT on August 19 intends to install a four-way stop at this intersection commonly referred to as five-points. The Commissioners are gravely concerned that a four-way stop, even as a temporary measure, would neither enhance safety at the intersection nor would it decrease the number of accidents and their severity.

As a result, the Board of Commissioners on August 3 unanimously adopted a resolution opposing the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of US15-501 and Old Wire Road. The resolution is enclosed.

Sincerely,


Guy McCook, Chairman
Scotland County Board of Commissioners



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Resolution opposing the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of US15-501 and Old Wire Road in Scotland County

WHEREAS, the intersection of US15-501 and Old Wire Road (NC 144), also known as five points, is identified as the most dangerous intersection in Scotland County because of the number of accidents that occur there and their severity; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Transportation intends to install a four-way stop at the intersection as a temporary measure in the hopes of mitigating the dangers of the intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Scotland County Board of Commissioners believes a four-way stop at the intersection would not address the source of the problem which is the inadequate sight distance on the north side of the intersection and the angle at which NC 144 intersects US15 501; and

WHEREAS, the Scotland County Board of Commissioners individually and as a governing body have received input from Scotland County citizens who insist that a four-way stop at the intersection would create a more hazardous traffic situation and who contend that the number of accidents and severity of bodily damage would not be reduced.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotland County Board of Commissioners opposes the installation of a four-way stop at the intersection of US15-501 and Old Wire Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Scotland County Board of Commissioners requests that the North Carolina Department of Transportation reconsider installing a four-way stop at the intersection of US15-501 and Old Wire Road and instead develop and implement a permanent and effective safety solution.

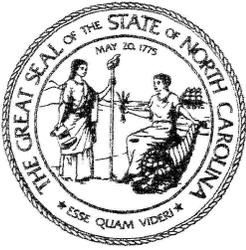
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Guy McCook
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ATTEST

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Resolution by the Scotland County Board of Commissioners in support of Senate Bill 369

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Senate 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 county-levied sales taxes, and convert them to a State sales tax, the funds of which would be distributed to counties and cities primarily based on population; and

WHEREAS, currently a disproportionate share of tax revenue is being redistributed to urban, prosperous areas of the State, where large shopping malls and commercial centers lure rural neighbors to drive in and leave their hard-earned sales tax dollars outside the communities they live in; and

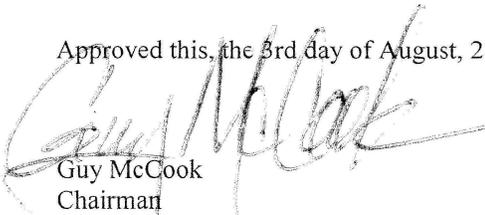
WHEREAS, Scotland County is one of 83 rural counties that stands to benefit from Senate Bill 369 because it would realize more than \$3.5 million in sales tax revenue in FY 2018-2019 over the current allocation, \$700,000 of which would be distributed to Scotland County; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 369 has broad bipartisan support among State legislators who represent the 83 rural counties.

WHEREAS, the Scotland County Board of Commissioners would like the sales tax to retain its nature as a local sales and use tax.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Scotland County Board of Commissioners urges the North Carolina General Assembly to pass Senate Bill 369 with the modification that the sales tax not be converted to a State sales and use tax and that it be distributed based primarily on population, and we urge Governor Pat McCrory to reconsider his intention to veto Senate Bill 369.

Approved this, the 3rd day of August, 2015.


Guy McCook
Chairman



ATTEST


Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board



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

THAT WHEREAS, the North Carolina Senate 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, based on recommendation by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, the Act was revised to keep the tax as County-levied; and

WHEREAS, Perquimans 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, Perquimans County loses large amounts of sales tax dollars to neighboring counties; and

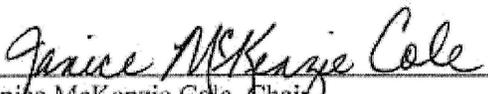
WHEREAS, in 2014, Perquimans County lost approximately \$54 million in potential retail spending from residents shopping and dining outside of the county; and

WHEREAS, under Senate Bill 369, the Fiscal Research Division of the North Carolina General Assembly estimates Perquimans County would gain \$1.5 million in sales tax revenue in 2018-19 over the current allocation; and

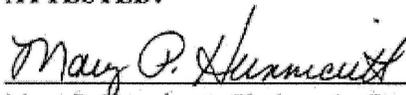
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Perquimans County Board of Commissioners:

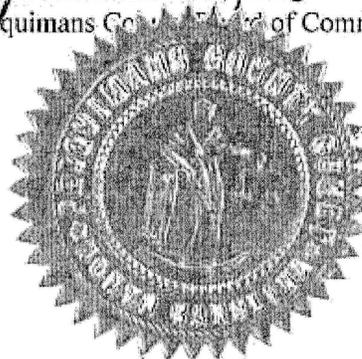
1. Declares its support of Senate Bill 369, as revised; and
2. Urges the North Carolina General Assembly to pass Senate Bill 369; and
3. Directs that a copy of this resolution be sent to members of Perquimans County's State delegation and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

ADOPTED the 3rd day of August, 2015.


Janice McKenzie Cole, Chair
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners

ATTESTED:


Mary P. Hunnicutt, Clerk to the Board
Perquimans County Board of Commissioners



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

WHEREAS, Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) introduced Senate Bill 1648 in the 1st Session of the 114th 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,

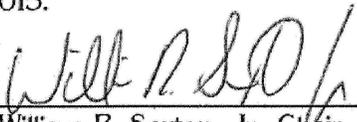
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Washington, North Carolina that:

Section 1. The County of Washington 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, Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr. and Congressman G.K. Butterfield and all North Carolina county and municipal clerks.

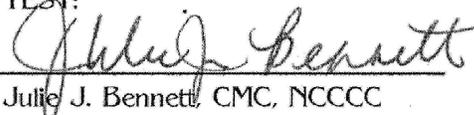
Section 3. This resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

ADOPTED this 3rd day of August, 2015.



William R. Sexton, Jr., Chair
Washington County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Julie J. Bennett, CMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board



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J. Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board

RESOLUTION

In Support of Senate Bill 369, the Sales Tax Fairness Act

Whereas, the North Carolina Senate 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, based on recommendation by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, the Act was revised to keep the tax as County-levied; and

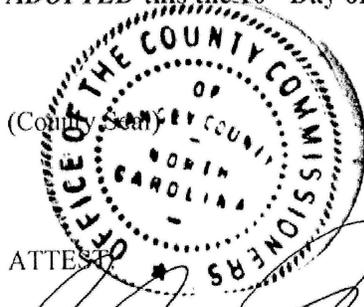
Whereas, under the current system of sales tax allotment, Yancey County loses large amounts of sales tax dollars to neighboring counties; and

Whereas, under Senate Bill 369, the Fiscal Research Division of the North Carolina General Assembly estimates Yancey County would gain \$2.7 million in sales tax revenue through fiscal year 2019-20 over the current allocation.

Now Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Yancey County Board of Commissioners do hereby resolve as follows:

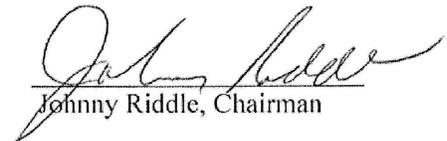
1. Declares its support of Senate Bill 369, as revised.
2. Urges the North Carolina General Assembly to pass Senate Bill 369 to deliver a more equitable sales tax distribution system throughout North Carolina.
3. That this resolution be effective on its adoption.

ADOPTED this the 10th Day of August, 2015.



ATTEST

J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board


Johnny Riddle, Chairman



GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

A RESOLUTION
IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 369

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 populations; and

WHEREAS, due to limited commercial development residents of Gates County are forced to spend their sales tax dollars in neighboring counties; and

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

WHEREAS, under Senate Bill 369, the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners estimates Gates County would gain \$1,408,893 in sales tax revenue in 2018-19 over the current allocation; and

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

1. Declare 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 Gates County's State delegation and to the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

In the COUNTY OF GATES

Adopted this 5th Day of August, 2015

GATES COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

By: Linda Hofler
Linda Hofler, Chairman

Melissa C. Lawrence
Melissa C. Lawrence, Clerk to the Board



RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE CLEAN WATER RULE AND SUPPORTING ANY LEGISLATIVE MEANS THAT WOULD STOP THE FINAL CLEAN WATER RULE UNTIL IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES ARE RESOLVED

WHEREAS, the Clean Water Rule (herein "Rule") becomes law effective August 28, 2015, after the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers published their final *Definition of Waters of the U.S. Under the Clean Water Act*, which has been renamed the "Clean Water Rule," in the Federal Register; and

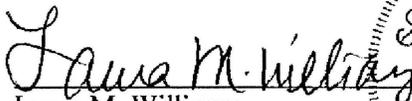
WHEREAS, this Rule changes the definition of "Waters of the U.S." as originally defined under the United States Clean Water Act by broadening the types of waters that are considered to be under federal (jurisdictional) regulation and permitting authority. Consequently, state and local governments could be affected significantly because of the final Rule's definition of tributary, adjacency, regional water bodies and 100-year flood plain designations, including state, county and city-owned and maintained roadside ditches, bridges, flood-control channels, drainage conveyances and storm water features and wastewater recycling infrastructure; and

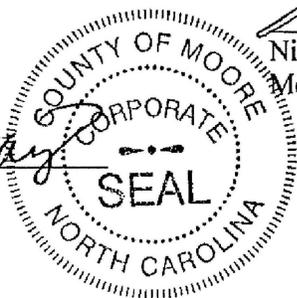
WHEREAS, the Rule could have financially burdensome impacts on state and local governments as governmental entities will likely need to utilize substantial staff time while attempting to navigate the final Rule's arduous regulations and ambiguous definitions of certain waters of the U.S.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Moore County Board of Commissioners requests all the local governments, State of North Carolina, North Carolina General Assembly and Governor Pat McCrory to adopt similar Resolutions and to request the support of United States Senator Thom Tillis, United States Senator Richard Burr and all United States Representatives for North Carolina's Congressional Districts to enact any legislative method that would halt the final Rule until all implementation issues have been resolved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk to the Board of Moore County Commissioners sends this Resolution to all those stated above.

Adopted this 18th day of August 2015.


Laura M. Williams
Clerk to the Board




Nick Picerno, Chairman
Moore County Board of Commissioners

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, treatment and recovery improve a community's welfare and provide a renewed outlook on life for those who struggle with substance abuse disorders and their family and friends;

WHEREAS, recent studies show that 23.2 million people aged 12 or older in the United States needed treatment for a substance abuse disorder, and that 5.4 million adults also suffered from a concurrent mental illness;

WHEREAS, additional studies have indicated that 8.9% of people who made an effort to get treatment, but did not receive it, were concerned that receiving treatment might cause neighbors or community members to have negative opinions of them. However, most say they would not have a negative opinion of a relative or friend in recovery from an addiction;

WHEREAS, resources exist online and in our communities to increase people's awareness about how substance abuse disorders affect children, families, and our society;

WHEREAS, such education is essential to overcoming misconceptions and achieving long-term recovery; and

WHEREAS, to help achieve this goal, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy; and Eastpointe invite all residents of Bladen, Columbus, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Lenoir, Nash, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Wayne and Wilson Counties to participate in the recognition of "*National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month*".

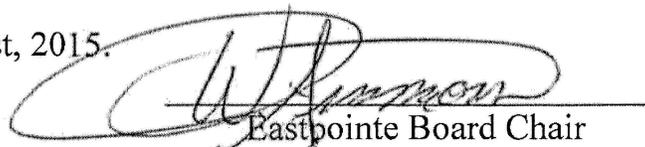
NOW, THEREFORE, the Eastpointe Board of Directors, does hereby proclaim the month of September, 2015 as

"ALCOHOL and DRUG ADDICTION RECOVERY MONTH"

in the Eastpointe catchment area, and calls upon citizens to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting our theme of:

"Join the Voices for Recovery: Together We Learn -- Together We Heal."

This the 25 day of August, 2015.


Eastpointe Board Chair



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Mr. Sherman McNeill
29581 Hillcreek Rd
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Dear Mr. McNeill,

I would like to thank you for coming to the Board of County Commissioners at the August meeting. At that time you asked for information about the ability for poultry farms to locate next to existing homes. Unfortunately the State specifically eliminates the ability for County Zoning to apply to most agricultural uses. This means that the County has no control over the location of poultry farms in the County.

As an industry practice the farms generally apply a 500 foot set back from the edge of the property to the first poultry house. This is a general practice and is up to the details of the contract. Again the County has no authority on this setback. If you have any other questions please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kevin Patterson".

Kevin Patterson

SCOTLAND COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: June 1, 2015

ITEM NO. 8

Closed Session

SUBJECT:

Closed Session held in accordance with N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Approve July 6, 2015 closed session minutes