

Joint Session, Board of Commissioners, City of Laurinburg, RCC, Chamber of Commerce, November 12, 2003, A.B. Gibson Center, 322 S. Main St., Laurinburg

MINUTES

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners,
Joint Session with the Laurinburg City Council, Richmond Community College and
Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce, November 12, 2003,
A.B. Gibson Center, 322 S. Main St., Laurinburg, NC**

Commissioners in attendance: Chairman David Burns, Vice Chair Nancy J. Shelley, Betty Blue Gholston, Charles “Scoofer” Jordan, Sam Snowdon and Clint Willis. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioner J.D. Willis. Staff in attendance: County Manager Scott Sauer and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman.

Prior to reconvening from the recessed Board of Commissioners November 3, 2003 regular meeting, the Commissioners listened to an information session on proposed fundraising efforts to demolish the “old hospital” and build a Richmond Community College (RCC) facility on the site.

City of Laurinburg Mayor Ann B. Slaughter said that once the information portion concluded the various Boards would be asked to consider taking some form of action with regard to the proposed demolition and future plans for RCC.

Agenda speakers included Chamber President Andy Foshay, RCC President Diane Honeycutt, Chairman Burns, Senator William R. Purcell and Representative Douglas Yongue. All agreed there was a need to rid the community of the old hospital and concluded that locating RCC on the site would be a desirable choice.

The group was provided with summary findings from Mr. Tom Ralser of Capital Strategists Group, who outlined the fundraising method and time frame for demolition of the “old hospital.” A brief question and answer period followed.

At 6:15 p.m., Chairman Burns reconvened the meeting recessed from the November 3, 2003 regular Board meeting.

The four Boards separated to discuss and possibly take action on the information provided.

Motion was made by Commissioner Clint Willis and duly seconded by Commissioner Jordan to approve the following statement.

“The Scotland County Board of Commissioners supports and applauds the City of Laurinburg, Richmond Community College and the Laurinburg/Scotland County Area Chamber of Commerce in their effort to demolish the ‘old hospital’ and construct on the same site a Richmond Community College facility.”

Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Snowdon said he was disappointed that no one from the Scotland Memorial Hospital Board was present. He said the hospital should be a major player in the project.

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Motion was made by Vice Chair Shelley and duly seconded by Commissioner Jordan to go into closed session in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with an attorney on Gilbert Johnson v. Scotland County. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

Motion was made Commissioner Clint Willis and duly seconded by Vice Chair Shelley to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

The other Boards in attendance read their actions:

“The Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce voted unanimously to endorse the effort to raise funds to be used to demolish the old hospital and to help with the construction of the satellite campus for Richmond Community College.” (As paraphrased by Chamber President Andy Foshay.)

Dr. Diane Honeycutt read the following statement: *“RCC Board of Trustees approve the Scotland Project for a new campus located on the site of the old hospital. This would include the selling of two (Sanford and Speller) of the three buildings currently owned by the College in Laurinburg upon completion and acceptance of the new building by RCC; and the proceeds from the sale of the two buildings go toward the cost of the new building. This is also contingent upon the Scotland County Board of Commissioners agreeing to pay the operational costs of the new building and the approval of the North Carolina Community College Board to the sale of the two buildings.”*

From the City of Laurinburg: *“Motion was made by Councilmember Leak, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, and unanimously carried to support the fund raising efforts of the “old hospital” project which would demolish the building and allow the construction of a satellite facility for Richmond Community College.*

“Following a brief discussion regarding the hiring of Capital Strategists Group to conduct a fund raising effort for the demolition of the “old hospital” and the construction of a satellite facility for Richmond Community College, motion was made by Councilmember Parker, seconded by Councilmember Griswold, and unanimously carried to execute a contract with Capital Strategists Group to conduct a fund raising campaign to raise funds for this purpose said contract to be renewable monthly for a campaign to extend from four to six months provided, however; the first funds raised from the campaign shall be used to reimburse the City for monies expended to Capital Strategists Group for conducting the campaign.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk

David L. Burns
Chairman