

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting  
October 2, 2006, Commissioners Chamber, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg*

**MINUTES**  
**Scotland County Board of Commissioners**  
**Regular Meeting, October 2, 2006**  
**Scotland County Complex, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg NC**

At 7 p.m. Chairman J. D. Willis called the regular meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Willis, Vice Chair Betty Blue Gholston and Commissioners John Alford, Leon Butler, Charles "Scoofer" Jordan and Joyce McDow. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioner Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager John A. Crumpton, Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Edward Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Chairman Willis delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Public Forum**

**Mr. Bob Davis**, Laurel Hill resident: Mr. Davis read a letter from Mr. John Runkle, attorney for Scotland County of Tomorrow (SCOT). Mr. Runkle's letter cited an alleged conflict of interest Katherine Crumpton, wife of County Manager Crumpton, might have in the Waste Management proposed landfill because she is the registered agent for Consolidated Waste Services of the Sandhills.

Chairman Willis officially welcomed new Health Director Ron Sapp.

Chairman Willis, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, presented a plaque of appreciation to Mr. Harvey "Bo" Butler, Jr. for his leadership as a member and chairman of the Tourism Development Authority.

Cooperative Extension Director Cathy Graham asked the Commissioners to proclaim October 1 to 7, 2006, as National 4-H Week in Scotland County.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to proclaim October 1 to 7, 2006, as National 4-H Week in Scotland County. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Ms. Jan Schmidt and Ms. Nancy Shelley:** The first annual storytelling festival in Scotland County was discussed. A storytelling sample was provided by Mr. Tyris Jones. Ms. Schmidt said the event would feature local, regional and nationally known storytellers throughout the weekend. She discussed how the event is being promoted. Ms. Schmidt said \$10,650 of the total \$34,000 event cost has been raised thus far. Ms. Schmidt asked for the Commissioners to consider a \$3,500 donation and appropriate in-kind assistance for the event, which would take place on the John Blue House grounds. Ms. Schmidt said the event might attract 1,000 people in its first year and be an ongoing economic development tool. Ms. Schmidt said ticket sales would help fund the 2008 event.

Chairman Willis said the Board would take the request for \$3,500 under consideration.

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**Item 1. Public Hearing: Butler Expansion Incentive Agreement**

County Attorney Johnston outlined some specifics of the local economic incentive grants over a period of six-years for the expansion of Butler Manufacturing. Butler proposes to create 25 new jobs and make a new capital investment of \$2 million. The total proposed incentives for Butler Manufacturing are \$60,501.

Mr. Johnston opened the Public Hearing and asked if anyone wished to speak in favor of or against the Butler incentive package. No one came forward, and the Public Hearing was closed.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve the local economic incentive grants for Butler Manufacturing. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 2. FY 2006-2007 Secondary Road Improvement Program**

NCDOT District Engineer Kevin Hedrick said allocated highway funds for FY 2006-2007 are \$499,168, with \$100,523 in unallocated highway funds. Mr. Hedrick said the 2006-2007 allocated secondary road improvement trusts fund is \$494,215, while the unallocated trust fund is \$115,674. Mr. Hedrick discussed upcoming projects and program elements for the fiscal year.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to approve the FY 2006-2007 Secondary Road Improvement Plan Resolution. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Resolution Approving Scotland County  
Secondary Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2006-2007**

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina Department of Transportation staff members appeared before the Scotland County Board of Commissioners at its regular meeting October 2, 2006 to present the 2006-2007 Secondary Improvement Program for Scotland County; and

**WHEREAS**, each Commissioner was presented a copy of the program, and background information was provided along with objectives of the Secondary Improvement Program. Funding availability for each element of the program also was discussed, and questions from Board members were answered.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Scotland County Board of Commissioners approved the Secondary Improvement Program for FY 2006-2007 as presented by the Department of Transportation.

Adopted this 2nd day of October 2006.

**Item 3. Cooperative Extension Memorandum of Understanding**

Cooperative Extension Director Cathy Graham discussed the new Memorandum of Understanding between Scotland County and Cooperative Extension. She said the MOU is the basis for the

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Cooperative Extension's relationship with the County and its other partners. She said the new MOU represents a movement toward a uniform send-in payroll system, which would benefit the County, because it would eliminate two separate payrolls.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the County and North Carolina Cooperative Extension. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Item 4. Consent Agenda**

- a) Approve minutes of the Board of Commissioners September 11, 2006 regular meeting.
- b) Approve Tax Department request to release of funds in the amount of \$27,771.04 of property taxes and in refund in the amount of \$28,852.82.
- c) Approve FY 2007-2009 Work First Plan.
- d) Approve reclassification of the position of DSS Director from Grade 80 to 82 effective with the new hire.
- e) Approve amendment to Scotland County Personnel Policy regarding special separation allowance for law enforcement officers.
- f) Approve Health Department request for bad debt write offs in the amount of \$1,742 for FY 2004-2005 bad debt totals brought forward to FY 2005-2006; and in the amount of \$84,358.59 for FY 2005-2006 insurance and private pay adjustments; and in the amount of \$119,298.59 for FY 2005-2006 Medicaid adjustments.
- g) Approve Health Department fee increase for LabCorp tests FY 2006
- h) Approve Health Department new Orthopedic Clinic charges FY 2006
- i) **Budget Amendments:**
  - 1) **Health:** Approve receipt of funding in the amount of \$6,786 to Family Planning and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.
  - 2) **Health:** Approve receipt of funding in the amount of \$15,000 for Phase II of the Pandemic Flu Plan and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.
  - 3) **Tourism Development Authority:** Approve transfer of \$39,000 from the TDA fund balance to the TDA operating budget.

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

**Item 5. Update from the Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager**

Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Patterson provided the Commissioners with the September financial report. He said revenues from property and sales tax are running on schedule.

Mr. Patterson said a joint maintenance GIS draft with the City of Laurinburg is included in the agenda for review by the Commissioners and possible Board action in November. He said there would be one server and one system funded jointly by the City and the County.

**Item 6. County Manager's Report**

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The County Manager said Health Fair participation among employees was up from 45 percent last year to 56 percent this year.

Mr. Crumpton updated the Board on Covington Street move. He said when Mental Health vacated the building the agency took more of the furniture than anticipated. He said the \$85,000 needed for various upgrades is in the budget now.

Courthouse issues with roof and window leaks continue, said the County Manager. He said the leaks are particularly problematical for the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court, who are concerned about protecting their records. Mr. Crumpton asked the Board to consider approval of an RFQ since correcting the problems would cost more than \$300,000. Mr. Crumpton said it would cost about \$25,000 to \$30,000 for an architectural service to design a roof. He said once RFQs were received, they would be brought back to the Board for approval.

***The Board of Commissioners by consensus agreed the County Manager should move forward on the Courthouse project.***

Mr. Crumpton reminded the governing body of the X-Way Road bridge improvements public hearing October 3 at Scotland Place.

Mr. Crumpton said an application would be made to fund a sewer line extension from Springfield Mills to the City of Laurinburg. Mr. Crumpton said Springs Mills has been noncommittal so far about providing the matching funds for the grant.

**Item 7. Closed Session**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to go into Closed Session held in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss matters relating to the location or expansion of business in the area served by this body and Closed Session held in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(6) to consider qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointments, or conditions of initial employment of a present or prospective public officer or employee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

*(Closed session was held in the Health Education Room).*

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis  
Chairman