

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
7 p.m. January 8, 2007, Commissioners Chamber, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg*

**MINUTES
Scotland County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting, January 8, 2007
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, Guy McCook, Joyce McDow and Clarence McPhatter. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioner Leon Butler (in hospital). 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. Commissioner McDow delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Willis called Public Forum. No one came forward to speak, and Public Forum was closed.

Item 1. FY 2005-2006 Audit Report

Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Kevin Patterson said the actual audit report would be issued this month. Mr. Patterson provided the following financial summary. Total fund balance for the General Fund is just over \$13 million with the undesignated portion at \$8.8 million. Water districts have \$3.3 million in total net assets. Mr. Patterson said he is concerned that not enough operating revenue is coming in to increase the capitalization of the Water District since the rate structure is designed to meet its operations.

Landfill current net assets are \$548,000. \$1.1 million is currently accrued for closure and post closure of the landfill with a total closure and post-closure projected at \$1.5 million, which would increase each year with inflation. Mr. Patterson said funding for any expansion is not being accumulated. The transfer station, which could operate indefinitely, has a rate structure that is not generating a profit.

Commissioner McDow suggested that this discussion be continued at the February planning retreat.

Item 2. Amendment to Solid Waste Ordinance

Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Kevin Patterson said a question was raised whether the landfill and transfer station should accept waste from outside the County since the Solid Waste Ordinance does not have language that specifically eliminates it. Mr. Patterson asked the Board to consider clarification on what it would like the policy to be.

Mr. Patterson said eight customers currently bring out of county waste to the transfer station and C and D landfill, most notably the Town of Maxton and Campbell Soup. Total out of county waste generates \$350,000 in revenue annually.

Mr. Patterson recommended that the Solid Waste Ordinance be amended to allow out-of-county waste or at least out-of-county waste from Moore, Hoke, Robeson, Richmond and Marlboro counties.

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The Commissioners discussed the revenue generated by the counties that use the landfill and the transfer station. They discussed Scotland County tipping fees compared to tipping fees elsewhere. The possibility of eventually increasing the tipping fees also was discussed.

Chairman Willis said tipping fees would be discussed at the February planning retreat.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to amend the Solid Waste Ordinance to allow the acceptance of waste at the landfill and transfer station from adjoining counties. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 3. Consent Agenda:

- a) Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners, December 4, 2006 regular meeting and December 11, 2006 reconvened meeting.
- b) Approval of Resolution regarding deed restriction on outdoor recreation as part of the LWCF grant.

**Resolution Supporting Inclusion of Amendment to the
Scotland County Recreation Complex Deed**

WHEREAS, the property where the softball-baseball fields were built has been surveyed and earmarked for outdoor recreation in perpetuity as part of the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant application; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the deed with this restriction must be included with grant closeout; and

WHEREAS, this resolution supports amending the deed to reflect this restriction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland authorizes the County Attorney to prepare the amendment to the deed before the March 1, 2007, Land and Water Conservation Fund grant closeout deadline.

Adopted this 8th day of January 2007.

- c) Approve Tax Department request to release of funds in the amount of \$95.87 and in the amount of \$3,109.09 of property taxes and approve refunds in the amount of \$32.01 and in the amount of \$1,277.30.
- d) Approve request to reclassify position #40, Detective/Computer Analyst at Grade/Step 68-8 to Captain/Support Services at Grade/Step 70-6.
- e) Approve request to reclassify position #35-2, Deputy I at Grade/Step 62-6 to a Deputy II at 63-5.
- f) Request that position #31-1, Captain/Courthouse Security at Grade/Step 70-3, be increased to 70-6 as duties are being changed to Captain/Patrol.
- g) Request that position #147-1, Civil Office Manager/DCI TAC at Grade/Step 66-4, be increased to 66-9 as the duties of Records Management are being added to this position.
- h) Request that position #38-1, Deputy II at Grade/Step 63-5, be increased to 66-8 as the duties of Canine Officer are being added to this position.

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

Before continuing to the next item of business, Chairman Willis informed those in attendance that Commissioner Butler was not at the meeting because he was in the hospital and would hopefully be home in a few days.

Item 4. Richmond Community College Scotland Campus Funding

County Manager John Crumpton said the City of Laurinburg approved a resolution committing \$500,000 as half of a match for a \$1 million EDA grant for the construction of the Richmond Community College Center on McLean Street. RCC originally expected to get the dollar for dollar EDA grant match from the State, but the monies went to other community colleges, Mr. Crumpton said.

RCC asks the Commissioners to consider approving the other \$500,000 to preserve the \$1 million EDA grant, said Mr. Crumpton. He added that State funds in the amount of \$15 million were awarded to community colleges based on a point system. Although RCC applied for the funds, it was not selected. Mr. Crumpton said the original intent was to get the money for RCC, but politics were involved, and the money went elsewhere.

Mr. Crumpton recommended that the resolution have a stipulation that would relieve the County of paying the \$500,000 if RCC receives funding from the State Legislature this year. Mr. Crumpton said if the County does have to commit \$500,000, he would recommend that RCC consider giving to the County one of two buildings it would surplus, preferably the Speller Building.

The Commissioners agreed to discuss this subject further at the January 18, 2007, meeting.

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

Mr. Patterson said he would give a six-month budget update at the February meeting along with projections for the rest of the year.

Mr. Patterson said there is still low utilization of the NACO prescription discount card, and those who are using the card are saving money.

Mr. Patterson said the Canteen Fund expects to receive an additional \$5,000 in revenue. He asked the Commissioners to consider a budget amendment to receive the funds.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to approve receipt of \$5,000 for the Canteen Fund and authorize the Finance Officer to make necessary budget arrangements to receive and expend this money. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 6. Appointments to Boards and Committees

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Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to appoint Dr. Monique Alford to a three-year term on the Aging Advisory Council. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to appoint Mr. Wayne Evans as Chairman of the ABC Board for 2007. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to appoint Mr. Robert McDow to a three-year term on the ABC Board. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to appoint Mr. Joe Knott as the Social Services Representative to and unexpired term on the Lumber River Workforce Development Board. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to reappoint Ms Mary Carlson and Ms. Bettie McNair to three-year terms on the Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 7. County Manager's Report

County Manager Crumpton provided an update on the Hobbs, Upchurch grant application for the Springfield Village wastewater treatment project. Mr. Crumpton said although the County would sponsor the grant, it insists that the local match come from Springs Industries. Mr. Crumpton said the County does not yet have a formal commitment from Springs. Mr. Crumpton recommended that approval by the Commissioners should be subject to a letter of commitment coming from Springs agreeing to providing the \$75,000 match.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approving the Springfield Village Sewer Project grant with the stipulation that Springs Industries provide the \$75,000 required local match for the project. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Crumpton said Wagram Mayor Milton Farmer can no longer serve on the BRAC-RTF Committee because of scheduling conflicts. Laurinburg City Councilmember Tommy Parker wishes to serve as the municipal representative on the BRAC-RTF Committee.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to appoint City Councilmember Tommy Parker as the municipal representative to the BRAC-RTF Committee replacing Wagram Mayor Milton Farmer. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

County Manager Crumpton gave an update on the dirt road problem on Lee Lane in the Blakely Road area. Mr. Crumpton said the DOT could do nothing until the roads are brought up to DOT standards. Because Lee Lane is a private road, responsibility for its upkeep falls to the residents, said Mr. Crumpton.

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Mr. Crumpton asked the Commissioners to consider giving the County Manager limited power to address pay equity issues with current employees by approving an amendment to the Personnel Policy. Mr. Crumpton said there would be limitations as to the steps the County Manager could approve, and any changes in pay equity issues would be reported back to the Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve an amendment to the Personnel Policy, which would allow the County Manager limited power to address pay equity issues with current employees. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Major Lloyd Goins requests an additional \$60,000 in the Jail line item within the Sheriff's Department for professional services/medical services. County Manager Crumpton explained that medical needs among Jail inmates can be unpredictable, and this year some inmates had costly high-risk medical issues.

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to approve an additional \$60,000 in the Jail line item for professional services/medical services. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Crumpton said the annual LRCOG Board Advance meeting is January 19 and 20, and if no Commissioner would be able to attend, he would. The County Manager provided the Commissioners with meeting reminders.

Mr. Crumpton reported on current news regarding the Covington Street move and the Recreation Complex. He recognized the City of Laurinburg, Hyder Massey, Kevin Patterson, Shannon Newton and Jim Blackwell for their work on the Recreation Complex.

Remarks from Commissioners

Chairman J.D. Willis said Sheriff Shep Jones reorganized his department and put five more deputies on the road without using additional funds. Chairman Willis said the deputies need police-quality vehicles because the vehicles they currently have are not up to par. Chairman Willis asked the Commissioners to consider purchasing an additional five vehicles and up to about \$25,000 to equip the five deputies. Chairman Willis said the additional deputies would help curtail drugs and crime and Medicaid fraud, which is a concern to all citizens. Chairman Willis said since the funds are available now, the Commissioners might want to consider this request.

Commissioner Alford asked that if Sheriff's Department received nine cars, what would happen if other Department Heads made vehicle requests.

It was agreed that the request for vehicles and equipment should come directly from Sheriff Jones at the February 5 regular meeting, which would give the Commissioners additional time to consider it.

Item 8. Closed Session

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to go into Closed Session held in accordance with N.C. General Statute §143-318.11(a)(4) to discuss

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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 McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to approve the County Manager's overall evaluation. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to award a merit increase to County Manager John Crumpton and set his salary at \$92,500 retroactive to December 1, 2006. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to recess to 6 p.m. January 16, 2007 at Scotland Place for a joint meeting with the Board of Health. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis
Chairman