

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting  
November 3, 2008, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg, NC*

**MINUTES**

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting, November 3, 2008  
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, Guy McCook, Joyce McDow and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: 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. Jimmy Bennett** said the Scotland County Veterans Council has been resurrected. He invited the Commissioners to attend a Veterans Day ceremony 11 a.m. Tuesday, November 11, at Legion Park.

**Item 1.Update: State Mental Health System and Local Management Entity**

SRMH/DD/SAS Area Director and CEO Sharen Prevatte provided a quarterly update on the State Mental Health System and Local Management Entity. She distributed statistical data and explained its significance with regards to Scotland County. Ms. Prevatte said she would present dollar amounts in the second quarter.

She reported mental health reform in the area is becoming more stable although there is still a need for more substance abuse services. There currently are only two providers.

Ms. Prevatte shared screening, triage and referral program telephone numbers where clinicians can be contacted. This ensures the caller is referred to the correct provider.

Ms. Prevatte briefly discussed geriatric and crisis intervention teams. She encouraged local law enforcement personnel to get involved in crisis intervention teams.

Ms. Prevatte said she would meet with County Manager Kevin Patterson in the near future to discuss development of a Scotland County-based walk-in center.

**Item 2.Legion Park Improvement Project**

Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Newton distributed a brief history of Legion Park dating to 1947 when it was built by the WPA (Works Progress Administration).

Ms. Newton said Scotland County schools have been asked to replace the chain link fence and conduct bleacher repairs and replacement. She noted that although the Veterans Service Office is not part of the recreation at Legion Park, the building needs a new roof.

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Ms. Newton said recommendations from a committee appointed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board are:

*Enter into a minimum 20-year lease with American Legion Post 50.*

*The County contributes \$35,000 for restroom replacement and parking lot improvements.*

*That the remaining improvements are made by the City of Laurinburg, Scotland County Schools, if approved by the School Board, and Legion Post 50.*

Commissioner McCook said he would like to see restroom renovation made since the Commissioners already committed to having the mobile unit moved to Legion Park.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to allocate \$35,000 to the restroom and parking lot renovations at Legion Park. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Chairman Willis asked for and received clarification from the Board of Commissioners that the project funds would come from unallocated Fund Balance effective immediately.

**Item 3. Consent Agenda:**

**a) Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners May 27, 2008 budget work session and October 6, 2008 regular meeting.**

**b) Approve Parks and Recreation request for a required \$100 non-refundable deposit for all persons or groups reserving dates for tournaments at the Morgan Recreation Complex. The deposit can be applied towards the cost of the field rental, but will not be refunded if the event is canceled. Staff requests this be effective immediately as we now have groups interested in reserving the Morgan Complex for 2009.**

**c) Approve request by the Sheriff for reclassification of a Deputy III position to that of Patrol Lieutenant. This is done subsequent to a staffing reorganization, designed to maximize the use and efficiency of the current workforce. Any salary adjustments are minor and absorbed in lapsed salary within the reclassification.**

**d) Approve Tax Department request to release funds in the amount of \$612.58 and in the amount of \$16,742.21 and to make refunds in the amount of \$605.03 and in the amount of \$11,129.02.**

**e) Approve a resolution affirming Scotland County's support of and partnership with the 2010 Census.**

**A Resolution Affirming Scotland County's Support of and  
Partnership with the 2010 Census**

**WHEREAS** the US Census Bureau is required by the Constitution of the United States of America to conduct a count of the population and provides a historic opportunity for Scotland County to help shape the foundation of our society and play an active role in American

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democracy;

**WHEREAS** Scotland County is committed to ensuring every resident is counted;

**WHEREAS** more than \$300 billion per year in federal and state funding is allocated to communities, and decisions are made on matters of national and local importance based on census data, including healthcare, community development, housing, education, transportation, social services, employment and much more;

**WHEREAS** census data determine how many seats each state will have in the US House of Representatives as well as the redistricting of state legislatures, county and city councils, and voting districts;

**WHEREAS** the 2010 Census creates hundreds of thousands of jobs across the nation;

**WHEREAS** every census bureau worker takes a lifetime oath to protect confidentiality and ensure that data identifying respondents or their household not be released or shared for 72 years;

**WHEREAS** a united voice from business, government, community-based and faith-based organizations, educators, media and others will allow the 2010 Census message to reach a broader audience, providing trusted advocates who can spark positive conversations about the 2010 Census;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Scotland County:

1. Supports the goals and ideals for the 2010 Census and will disseminate 2010 Census information to encourage participation.
2. Asks its affiliates and membership to partner together to achieve an accurate and complete count.
3. Encourages people in Scotland County to participate in events and initiatives that will raise overall awareness of the 2010 Census and increase participation among all populations.

**f) Budget Amendments:**

- 1) **Health Department: Approve receipt of \$8,364 in WIC caseload funds and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money.**
- 2) **Health Department: Approve receipt of \$5,727 in funds for Healthy Carolinians and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money.**

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

**Item 4. Update from the County Manager**

County Manager Kevin Patterson said staff has begun a customer training program.

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Mr. Patterson said the Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a minority business breakfast 7:30 a.m. December 4 at Bright Hopewell Baptist Church.

Mr. Patterson said due to current economic climate, interest from revenues might fall short. Mr. Patterson said his biggest concern is sales tax revenues, which might drop by at least \$500,000.

Mr. Patterson proposed the Commissioners consider putting a hiring freeze in place as other counties and municipalities have already done. He said exceptions would be in public safety, EMS and child protective services.

**Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve a hiring freeze with the understanding that departments can make specific requests to the Board of Commissioners if the hiring freeze creates undo hardship. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

*Other Information/Comments from the Chairman and Commissioners*

Chairman J.D. Willis presented Commissioner Leon Butler with a plaque in recognition of his four years of service as a County Commissioner representing Williamson Township.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.**

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis  
Chairman