

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
December 1, 2008, Commissioners Chamber, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg*

**MINUTES
Scotland County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting, December 1, 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, Bob Davis, Guy McCook, Joyce McDow and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston and Deputy Clerk to the Board Tim Martin. Chairman Willis delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The meeting was then turned over to Attorney Johnston for the purpose of Board reorganization. County Attorney Johnston asked for nominations for the office of Chairman of the Scotland County Board of Commissioners for the year 2009.

Commissioner McDow nominated Commissioner Willis. There were no other nominations. Commissioner McCook moved to close nominations.

Motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter and duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston that J.D. Willis be elected Chairman by acclamation. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Chairman Willis nominated Commissioner Gholston as Vice Chair.

Motion was made by Chairman Willis and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter that Betty Gholston be elected Vice Chair by acclamation. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Before continuing with the meeting, Chairman Willis welcomed newly elected Commissioner Bob Davis. Mr. Willis recognized School Board members Jimmy Bennett and Terence Williams, who were in attendance.

Chairman Willis asked if anyone wished to speak at Public Forum. No one came forward.

Item 1. Business Personal Property Audit Plan

Tax Administrator Mary Helen Norton presented the Commissioners with a copy of a proposed contract with Tax Management Services to audit business personal property accounts. Ms. Norton reviewed the document and explained the services that would be provided and the cost the County would incur.

Commissioner McCook suggested that all tax accounts should be audited. Auditing only business accounts would send the wrong message to current businesses as well as new prospective businesses.

Ms. Norton explained that the business accounts are the largest accounts and for that reason this plan was aimed at business accounts.

County Attorney Johnston said that some changes in the contract should be made. Mr. Willis asked Ms. Norton to finalize changes in contract and bring them back to Board for approval.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to approve the concept of the Business Personal Property Audit Plan pending review by the County Attorney. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Item 2. Consent Agenda:

- a) **Approval of minutes of the Board of Commissioners November 3, 2008 regular meeting.**
- b) **Approve Tax Department request to release funds in the amount of \$194.70 and in the amount of \$18,031.70 and to make refunds in the amount of \$269.06 and in the amount of \$2,433.96.**
- c) **Budget Amendments:**
 - 1) **DSS: Approve receipt of additional funds in the amount of \$102,408, 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 3. Scotland County Parks and Recreation Annual Report

Scotland County Parks and Recreation Director Shannon Newton presented the annual report and provided an update on Parks and Recreation operations. Commissioner McDow and Vice Chair Gholston commended Parks and Recreation for its progress in the past year.

Item 4. Update from the County Manager

County Manager Kevin Patterson said the Criminal Justice Partnership Program met to discuss services and the remaining budget. Mr. Patterson explained that \$100,000 of the \$150,000 budgeted was used in the first five months, and the Program would likely be suspended in February 2009. Mr. Patterson said the Criminal Justice Partnership Program is attempting to find ways to reduce costs in the future.

Mr. Patterson said Scotland County's appointment to the SEDC is currently Jim Frank Henderson, who agreed to stay on until a replacement was appointed. Now that Greg Icard has been hired as the Economic Development Director, Mr. Patterson recommended that Mr. Icard replace Mr. Henderson on the SEDC Board. Mr. Patterson also recommended that Mr. Icard replace former Commissioner Leon Butler on the BRAC RTF Board.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McCook to appoint Greg Icard to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to appoint Greg Icard to the BRAC RTF board. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson asked the Commissioners to approve a Health Department budget amendment in the amount of \$16,720 for family planning activities. No County dollars are attached to the funding.

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Motion was made by Commissioner McCook and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve \$16,720 for family planning activities. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson asked the Commissioners to appoint a voting delegate for NCACC Legislative Conference.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to appoint Commissioner McDow as Scotland County's voting delegate at the NCACC Legislative Conference. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Chairman Willis said Commissioner Bob Davis indicated he would like to serve on all the following Boards as the representative for the Commissioners: Fire Commission, Community Access Channel Advisory Committee, Board of Health, Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base Regional Land Use Advisory Commission and Scotland County Economic Development Corporation

Motion was made by Chairman Willis and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford that Commissioner Davis be appointed to the Fire Commission, Community Access Channel Advisory Committee, Board of Health, Fort Bragg/Pope Air Force Base Regional Land Use Advisory Commission and the Scotland County Economic Development Corporation. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to appoint Dee Hammond to a three-year term on the ABC Board. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Other Information/Comments from the Chairman and Commissioners

Vice Chair Gholston asked the Board of Commissioners to consider providing additional funding for the Criminal Justice Partnership Program.

Commissioner McDow was designated as the Commissioner contact for appointments to boards and committees.

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

Submitted by

Tim Martin
Deputy Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis
Chairman