

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting
May 1, 2006, Commissioners Chamber, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg*

MINUTES

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners
Regular Meeting, May 1, 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, Joyce McDow and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager John A. Crumpton, Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Kevin Patterson and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Chairman Willis delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Chairman Willis asked if anyone wished to speak at Public Forum about any issue other than solid waste. Chairman Willis said solid waste comments from the public would be conducted at the appropriate time.

No one spoke and Public Forum was closed.

Item 1. Child Fatality Prevention Team 2005 Annual Report

Ms. Kitty Johnson, Maternal and Child Health Supervisor, discussed the Child Fatality Prevention Team, which reviews child fatalities and searches for ways to prevent child deaths. Ms. Johnson said the child fatality rate in 2003 was 8.2 compared to 10.1 in 2002.

She said the leading causes of infant mortality are low birth weight, premature birth, birth defects, Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) and injuries as a result of intentional injury, suffocation or fire.

Ms. Johnson said the Team reviewed five cases this year — one case related to SIDS, two cases related to prematurity, one case related to a gunshot wound and one case related to accidental strangulation.

Item 2. Consent Agenda

- a) **Approve minutes of the Board of Commissioners April 3, 2006 regular meeting.**
- b) **Approve Proclamation designating May 14 to 20, 2006 as Scotland County Government Week.**
- c) **Approve Proclamation designating May 14 to 20, 2006 as EMS Week in Scotland County**
- d) **Approve petition requesting abandonment of a portion of Heck Norton Road from the state-maintained road system.**
- e) **Approve amended Youth Center Task Force Project Ordinance.**

Youth Center Task Force Grant Project Ordinance

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Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland that, pursuant to 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following Grant Project Ordinance is hereby adopted.

Section 1: The project authorized is the Youth Center Task Force Grant Project Fund described in the work statement contained in the grant agreement between this unit and the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, Scotland Tourism Development Authority and Land and Water Conservation Fund. This project is more familiarly known as the Youth Center Task Force Project.

Section 2: The officers of this unit are hereby directed to proceed with the grant project within the terms of the grant document(s), the rules and regulations of the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the NC Parks and Recreation Trust Fund and the budget contained herein.

Section 3: The following revenues are anticipated to be available to complete this project:

Housing and Urban Development Grant	\$100,000
Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Grant	\$250,000
Local Match-County Appropriation	\$250,000
Housing and Urban Development Grant	\$312,952
Tourism Development Authority	\$100,000
Land and Water Conservation Fund	\$500,000
Adams Photography Gift	\$600
Housing and Urban Development Grant	\$149,115
NC General Assembly Discretionary Fund	\$5,000
Tourism Development Authority	\$55,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,722,667

Section 4: The following amounts are appropriated for the project:

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Architectural/Engineering Plan	\$100,000
Site Plan	\$30,000
Construction	\$1,592,667
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,722,667

Section 5: The Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain within this Youth Center Task Force Grant Project Fund sufficient detailed accounting record to provide the accounting to the grantor agency and required by the grant agreement(s) and federal regulations.

Section 6: Funds may be advanced from the General Fund for the purpose of making payments as due. Reimbursement requests should be made to the grantor agency in an orderly and timely manner.

Section 7: The Finance Officer is directed to report quarterly on the financial status of each project element in Section 4 and on the total grant revenues received or claimed.

Section 8: The Budget Officer is directed to include a detailed analysis of past and future costs and revenues on this grant project in every budget submission made to this board. He may transfer amounts between objects of expenditure, without limitations and without a separate report.

Section 9: The Budget Officer, with the approval of the Finance Officer, may transfer funds between line items within the project amount approved to insure timely payment of expenses.

Section 10: Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be made available to the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for direction in carrying out the project.

Adopted this 7th day of October 2002.

Revised this 2nd day of June 2003

Revised this 4th day of August 2003

Revised this 8th day of September 2003

Revised this 3rd day of May 2004

Revised this 13th day of September 2004

Revised this 7th day of November 2005

Revised this 3rd day of April 2006

f) Budget Amendments

- 1) EMS: Approve receipt of HRSA grant in the amount of \$18,097, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved**

- 2) **DSS**: Approve receipt of additional funding in the amount of \$234, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.
- 3) **Health**: Approve receipt of additional funding in the amount of \$13,175, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. No County dollars involved.

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

Item 3. Update from the Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager

Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Kevin Patterson said expenditures, according to the quarterly financial report as of March 31, 2006, are \$1.6 million under budget. He said revenues are about \$40,000 under budget, and are basically flat.

Mr. Patterson discussed the draft Investment Policy. Mr. Patterson discussed the County's current investments in interest-bearing accounts with BB&T and NCCMT. Mr. Patterson said an Investment Policy would allow the Finance Officer to look into other revenue potentials, which are safe and primarily Federal. Mr. Patterson said he would look at maturity dates that are three years or less. He discussed current and future returns.

Mr. Patterson then introduced a budget amendment on behalf of EMS, which is an Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) in the amount of \$25,987.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to approve receipt of EMPG funds in the amount of \$25,987, and authorize the Finance Officer to make the necessary arrangements to receive and expend the money. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson said that booth space for the Robeson County Agricultural Fair would cost \$200. He said the Commissioners would be invited to attend the opening ceremony. Mr. Patterson asked for guidance on staffing if the Commissioners agreed to Scotland County participation.

Item 4. Appointments to Boards and Committees

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to appoint Mr. Bill Foland as an alternate on the Scotland County Zoning Board of Adjustment. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Commissioner Butler said there are numerous boards and committees that will have vacancies in the next several months. He asked the Commissioners to forward any

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recommendations to him or the County Clerk.

Commissioner McPhatter said he would prefer to vote on Board and Committee candidates after reviewing their profiles. He said he would like to know who he is voting for.

Commissioner Butler also provided an update on talks regarding the fire tax. He said discussions would continue at another upcoming meeting.

Item 5. County Manager's Report

County Manager Crumpton provided an update on Medicaid relief proposals. He said one proposal, if approved, would provide immediate relief in FY 2006-2007. Under the proposal, \$30.4 million would cap County Medicaid costs, and \$34.6 million would provide targeted relief to all counties based on their percentage of Medicaid-eligible citizens. The plan would decrease the County's Medicaid budget by \$876,000.

Mr. Crumpton said the Tony Rand proposal, which calls for long-term relief, is still being discussed. Mr. Crumpton encouraged the Commissioners to attend the May 17 NCACC County Assembly Day to show support for Medicaid relief.

The Commissioners agreed to meet 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2006, in the Commissioners Chamber for a Budget Work Session.

Mr. Crumpton asked the Commissioners to consider a future work session for review of the revised Personnel Policy.

Mr. Crumpton provided an update on insurance renewals. He said Property and Liability decreased by \$72,000, health insurance will increase nine percent and Worker's Compensation is showing a \$148,000 increase. Mr. Crumpton said there have been no new major injuries, and it is old injuries that continue to affect Worker's Compensation.

Mr. Crumpton said a groundwater report is included in the Agenda package for review by the Commissioners.

Mr. Crumpton then provided an update on the Recreation Complex where the rough grading is nearly complete. Construction of the concession stand will begin soon, and the County is ready to bid on final grading. The City of Laurinburg is assisting with irrigation.

The Commissioners also received updates on the old hospital and Aberdeene Meadows.

Item 6. Commissioner Report

Chairman Willis thanked the members of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee for their time and service.

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Commissioner Alford, who served as Chairman of the Solid Waste Advisory Committee, said all Commissioners now have for their review a copy of the report and the recommendations developed by the Committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to officially accept the report and recommendations form the Solid Waste Advisory Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Chairman Willis said the Board of Commissioners at the appropriate time would notify the public of its intentions, which would most likely result in a time set aside for public comment.

Item 7. Closed Session

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow 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. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

The Commissioners held Closed Session in the Health Department Education Room.

OPEN SESSION RESUMES

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to recess to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2006 in the Commissioners Chamber. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis
Chairman