

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners June 7, 2005 reconvened meeting  
Commissioners Chamber, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg*

**MINUTES**

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting (reconvened), June 7, 2005  
Scotland County Complex, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg, NC**

At 1 p.m., Chairman J.D. Willis reconvened the recessed meeting. 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: Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston, Finance Technician Anne Tindall and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Commissioner Alford delivered the opening prayer.

Mr. Neil Smith of the Rescue Squad asked the Commissioners to consider budgeting an additional \$11,410 to the Rescue Squad to allow for a new replacement vehicle. He said the vehicle would be financed over a five-year period through funds provided by the County and the City of Laurinburg. He said the vehicle would replace a 1989 model, which is no longer reliable. The new vehicle allows for more mobility on dirt roads, Mr. Smith explained.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to budget an additional \$11,410 for FY 2005-2006 for the Rescue Squad. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Kevin Patterson said with recent funding changes, the FY 2005-2006 proposed budget is out of balance by \$19,140.

***The Board of Commissioners by consensus agreed to balance the proposed budget using Fund Balance.***

The Commissioners discussed the continued funding of Historic Properties and the Literacy Council. Commissioner Alford said funding Historic Properties and the Literacy Council is important. He said less money received by the Literacy Council means it would serve less people.

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter to reduce funding for Historic Properties to \$14,000 in FY 2005-2006. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

**Motion was made by Vice Chair Gholston and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to reduce funding for the Literacy Council to \$6,000 in FY 2005-2006. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Chairman Willis asked the Commissioners to review the PowerPoint slides over the next few days. He asked Mr. Patterson to add a slide, which would give a five-year projection on the schools, Medicaid and County budget and the impact on the tax rate.

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**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)(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.**

**OPEN SESSION RESUMED**

Commissioner McDow suggested that the Commissioners travel as a group to Raleigh to visit with legislators and encourage some action on Medicaid relief. It was agreed that June 28 would be the best date for most Commissioners to make the trip to Raleigh.

Mr. Patterson said Scotland County is eligible for hurricane relief funding from the State. He said the County has until June 30 to make application for the funding. He said if the County wishes to pursue funding, it must decide whether the State, the LRCOG or County staff would administer the program.

The Commissioners asked Mr. Patterson to invite LRCOG Executive Director Jim Perry to make a presentation on administration of the Hurricane Relief funds during the June 14, 2005 meeting.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to recess to 7 p.m. June 14, 2005 in the Commissioners Chamber. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman  
Clerk

J.D. Willis  
Chairman