

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners reconvened meeting
August 10, 2007, 507 West Covington Street, Laurinburg*

MINUTES

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners
Reconvened Meeting, August 10, 2007**

Scotland County Governmental Offices, 507 West Covington Street, Laurinburg NC

At 1 p.m. Chairman J. D. Willis reconvened the meeting. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Willis, Vice Chair Betty Blue Gholston (*arrived at 1:10 p.m.*) and Commissioners John Alford, Leon Butler, Guy McCook, Joyce McDow and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: Interim County Manager/Finance Officer Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Edward Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman.

I. Discussion: Policy regarding use of County cars

Interim County Manager/Finance Officer Kevin Patterson asked the Board of Commissioners for direction on a policy regarding the use of County cars, especially by employees who live in other counties.

Mr. Patterson said the policy now in place is an accepted one. There is no policy that has been formally adopted. Mr. Patterson said two Sheriff's deputies who live in Hoke County and another employee from Robeson County take County cars home with them.

The Commissioners discussed how some employees might be an exception to the rule if they are first-responders or if their job requires them to be available and on-call after regular work hours.

Commissioner Alford suggested that the policy be a flexible one so exceptions can be made and reviewed on a case by case basis.

Chairman Willis said employees who work 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and are not on call but live out of County should not be exceptions.

Chairman Willis directed Mr. Patterson to ask about policies in Hoke, Richmond and Robeson counties and report back to the Board.

(Vice Chair Gholston arrived at 1:10 p.m.)

Mr. Patterson said the military plans an exercise August 5 to 9 at the former Wagram prison and would like permission from the Board to conduct the exercise. He said the military has already received approval from the Department of Corrections.

Vice Chair Gholston said she would not sign off on anything that could become a liability issue for the County.

The Commissioners by consensus agreed that an acknowledgement that the military would use the Wagram prison site would be sufficient.

II. Discussion: St. Andrews Presbyterian College funding request

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County Attorney Ed Johnston discussed the recent request by St. Andrews Presbyterian College for a \$500,000 economic incentive grant. Mr. Johnston said there is no statutory authority under which the Board of Commissioners could give a \$500,000 economic incentive grant to St. Andrews Presbyterian College according to GS 158-7.1. Mr. Johnston said that in the past the Board has strictly adhered to the General Statute governing commercial/industrial incentive grants.

The Commissioners discussed whether the St. Andrews request might be considered a request by a non-profit.

Mr. Johnston said although the college is a private concern, he would look into the non-profit question. He explained that as a non-profit St. Andrews would not be like the Humane Society or the Chamber of Commerce where the services provided by those agencies are actually an extension of what the County might provide.

Chairman Willis directed Interim County Manager Kevin Patterson to write a letter to St. Andrews explaining where the Board of Commissioners stands on the request for an economic incentive grant.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford authorizing the Chairman to sign a Resolution in Support of St. Andrews Presbyterian College. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Patterson said the local legislators agreed that September 6 would be the best date for a reception where the Commissioners and community could thank them for their work on permanent Medicaid relief.

Commissioner McCook said the Department of Commerce will host a job fair at the National Guard Armory the end of August.

Motion was made by Commissioner McPhatter and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis
Chairman