

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners special meeting
February 21, 2007, Commissioners Chamber, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg*

MINUTES

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting, February 21, 2007
Scotland County Complex, 1405 West Boulevard, Laurinburg NC**

At 4:10 p.m. Vice Chair Betty Blue Gholston presiding called the special meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman J.D. Willis (arrived at 4:15 p.m.), Vice Chair Betty Blue Gholston and Commissioners John Alford, Leon Butler and Guy McCook. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioners Joyce McDow and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager John A. Crumpton, Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Edward Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann W. Kurtzman. Commissioner Butler delivered the opening prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Vice Chair Gholston said that because Chairman Willis was delayed, the Commissioners would address Item II on the agenda.

Resolution: Springfield Village wastewater service line

County Manager Crumpton said the Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant would provide \$600,000 toward the extension of the Springs Village water line to the City of Laurinburg water plant. He said \$100,000 from the Rural Center and \$75,000 from Springs Industries provide the match.

County Attorney Johnston read the resolution.

(Chairman Willis arrived at 4:15 p.m. to preside over the meeting.)

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve the Resolution to Submit a Clean Water Trust Fund Grant Application. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

WHEREAS, Scotland County is submitting a grant application to the Clean Water Management Trust Fund for a Sanitary Sewer System to serve Springfield Village; and

WHEREAS, Scotland County realizes the importance of prompt action with regard to Clean Water Management Trust Fund related documentation, and in the interest of maintaining satisfactory work progress;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Scotland County Board of Commissioners that:

Upon receipt of the Grant Agreement and related documents for the 2007 Clean Water Management Trust Fund project, the Chairman and/or County Manager are hereby authorized to proceed with the execution of these documents and return them to the Trust Fund in the interest of proceeding with grant execution.

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The Chairman and/or County Manager are hereby authorized to execute daily grant related documentation which includes documentation such as the grant application, grant agreements, general correspondence between Scotland County and the Clean Water Management Trust Fund (as necessary). Any documentation which reflects a change in the original scope of work and/or amendment related activities must be brought before the Scotland County Board of Commissioners for approval.

ADOPTED, this the 21st day of February, 2007.

Budget Amendment: KORDSA industrial incentive grant

Finance Officer/Assistant County Manager Patterson said the new KORDSA industrial incentive grant was not budgeted for this year. KORDSA had not completed its new facility as of January 1, 2006. Mr. Patterson said KORDSA filed its personal property listing April 15, 2006 of \$12,483,269, which brought the new facility valuation to \$22,204,309. Taxes in the amount of \$248,688 were billed and collected in 2006 although they were not expected to be collected, said Mr. Patterson. Since the first two years of the KORDSA industrial incentive grant is 100 percent of property taxes paid, Mr. Patterson asked the Board to consider approval of a budget amendment in the amount of \$248,688 for property taxes revenue and industrial incentives expenditures.

Motion was made by Commissioner Butler and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to approve the budget amendment for the KORDSA industrial incentive grant in the amount of \$248,688. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Discussion: Landfill/Solid Waste

Chairman Willis said now that Dr. G.N. Richardson through a preliminary site study has determined the Jordan property suitable for a regional landfill and there would be little chance of groundwater contamination, it is time for the Board to either move forward or abandon the project.

County Manager Crumpton provided the Commissioners with a possible time line if the governing body chose to move forward with the landfill project. Mr. Crumpton said the Waste Management letter of application for a preliminary franchise and possible time line have been reviewed by Poyner & Spruill Attorney Keith Johnson. Mr. Crumpton asked the Board to provide staff with direction.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to move forward in the development and issuance of a preliminary franchise agreement and to set rules for a Public Hearing and the date for a Public Hearing as April 2, 2007. Vote: For: Chairman Willis and Commissioners Alford, Butler and McCook. Vote: Against: Vice Chair Gholston.

County Attorney Johnston discussed rules for the Public Hearing, which resemble and dovetail closely with the Public Forum rules.

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County Manager Crumpton discussed procedures to be followed at a Public Hearing, which must be listed in the Public Hearing notice, because the Public Forum procedures are not sufficient.

County Attorney Johnston said the resolution of Public Hearing Procedures, if approved, would apply to all Public Hearings from this time forward.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to approve A Resolution Establishing Public Hearing Rules and Procedures for the Scotland County Board of Commissioners. Vote: For: Chairman Willis and Commissioners Alford, Butler and McCook. Vote: Against: Vice Chair Gholston.

**A Resolution Establishing Public Hearing Rules and Procedures
For the Scotland County Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland acknowledges that input from citizens at public hearings is desirable; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland wishes to receive citizen input during Public Hearings that orderly and informative.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the County of Scotland establishes the following rules and procedures for the conduct of public hearings:

1. The Chairman of the County Commissioners will preside over the meeting.
2. Each speaker shall register by printing his/her name and mailing address on a sign-up sheet in order to assure accurate minutes, ability to respond by the Board and to assist the Chairman in presiding over the meeting.
3. All persons wishing to speak must contact the Clerk to the Board prior to the Public Hearing or register on the sign up sheet just prior to Public Hearing with sign up concluding fifteen minutes prior to the scheduled time of the public hearing.
4. The Chairman, in his discretion, may establish a time limit for each speaker and/or side of an issue depending on the number of persons registering to speak and other relevant factors. Unused minutes of a speaker are not transferable to another speaker.
5. The Board will receive written comments or materials up to the time the public hearing is closed. Such written comments or materials are to be submitted to the Clerk to the Board.
6. No one in the audience will be allowed to speak during Board discussion and debate (if same should occur) except in response to a question from a Board member recognized by the Chair.

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7. Only one speaker will be recognized and allowed to speak at any given time. Each speaker will be allowed to speak once. Each speaker must come to the podium to speak. Speakers should address comments to the entire Board and not to individual Board members.
8. Any applause shall be held until the end of the Public Hearing.
9. Comments must be relevant to the subject. Derogatory references to specific County staff, by name, are prohibited.

Approved this 21st day of February, 2007.

Vice Chair Gholston said she was very disappointed in the decision by the Commissioners. She said that after the State report she thought the Commissioners would decide a landfill would not be in the best interest of Scotland County. Vice Chair Gholston said she is disappointed that the landfill project remains on the front burner. She said she still hopes the Commissioners will not go through with it.

Chairman Willis said the Commissioners chose to move forward because the site study revealed that the property is environmentally safe. Chairman Willis said the State only addressed environmental concerns in one paragraph. Chairman Willis said he believed the State is interested in the revenue it might receive.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk

J.D. Willis
Chairman