

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners special meeting
4 p.m. February 22, 2006, Scotland County Annex, 231 East Cronly Street*

MINUTES

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners
Special Meeting, February 22, 2006
Scotland County Annex, 231 East Cronly Street, Laurinburg, NC**

At 4 p.m., Chairman J.D. Willis called the special meeting to order. Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Willis, Vice Chair Betty Blue Gholston (*arrived at 4:10 p.m.*) and Commissioners John Alford, Leon Butler, Charles “Scoofer” Jordan and Joyce McDow. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioner 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. Commissioner Alford delivered the opening prayer.

County Manager Crumpton said two municipal nominations — Mayor Ann Slaughter and Wagram Councilmember Bernice Gorham — were submitted for consideration to the LRCOG Transportation Advisory Committee.

County Manager Crumpton said two municipal nominations — Laurinburg City Councilmember Tommy Parker and Wagram Mayor Milton Farmer — were submitted for consideration to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Steering Committee.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and duly seconded by Commissioner Alford to appoint Wagram Mayor Milton Farmer to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Steering Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner Butler to appoint Laurinburg City Mayor Ann Slaughter to the LRCOG Transportation Advisory Committee. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Mr. Crumpton said that BRAC subcommittees would be developed. He asked the Commissioners to keep Mr. Parker in mind for a future appointment.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jordan and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow 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.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED

(Vice Chair Gholston was in attendance at this time)

Chairman Willis distributed information on Buxton, a retail recruitment company that matches communities to potential retail operations. Chairman Willis said the Laurinburg City Council is asking the Commissioners to consider a cost share of \$15,000 to hire Buxton.

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Chairman Willis said that the Commissioners have reviewed much information on a regional landfill and the impact it would have on the County and its citizens. He suggested that perhaps now would be a good time to decide whether to continue pursuing talks with solid waste companies.

Motion was made by Chairman Willis and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to end all negotiations with Waste Management, Republic and Waste Industries and rescind the first reading the Franchise/Host Agreement with Waste Management at this time. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Chairman Willis and duly seconded by Commissioner Jordan to authorize the County Manager, the Finance Officer, the County Engineer and solid waste consultant Dr. Greg Richardson to look into and evaluate the pros and cons of developing an interlocal landfill for Scotland County. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

The Commissioners returned to the request by the City of Laurinburg to share the cost of hiring the Buxton Company, which would mean a County expenditure of \$15,000.

Chairman Willis said he felt the County's money should be spent for industrial recruitment. Commissioner Jordan said he felt landlords who have empty retail space should take some responsibility for filling that space.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Commissioner McDow to not participate with the City of Laurinburg in the \$15,000 expenditure to contract with the Buxton Company. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Motion was made by Commissioner McDow and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gholston to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

J.D. Willis
Chairman