

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners reconvened meeting
June 29, 2016 Emergency Operations Center, 1403 West Boulevard Laurinburg, NC**

Commissioners in attendance: Chair Carol McCall, Vice Chair Whit Gibson and Commissioners John Alford, Bob Davis and Guy McCook. Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioners Betty Blue Gholston (*excused*) and Clarence McPhatter. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, Finance Officer Beth Hobbs, County Attorney Ed Johnston and Clerk to the Board Ann Kurtzman.

At 5 p.m. Chair McCall reconvened the meeting. Chair McCall delivered the invocation

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gibson to approve the June 29, 2016 agenda as presented. Vote: Motion unanimously approved.

Discussion: Withdrawal of request by the City of Laurinburg to increase the availability fee to City residents by \$30 from \$55 to \$85

Mr. Patterson said following communication with the City Manager the City decided to withdraw its request for the increase of availability fees to City residents after realizing the fees would have to be approved in the fiscal year. The City also indicated the issue might be too controversial so it wanted more time to discuss the fee request and the best plan moving forward.

Mr. Patterson said the City Council might take the summer to deliberate on how it wants to move forward. Mr. Patterson said if the City decides to take its solid waste to Robeson County, Scotland County would be able to minimize its losses although it might extend out closure and post closure plans. The County Manager said if that did occur, closure and post closure would still be within the timeframe projected.

Mr. Patterson said the Robeson County tipping fee is \$18 a ton less than that of Scotland County's, which pays Uwharrie \$36.50 a ton. There is no way the County can compete.

The Commissioners discussed the possibility of investigating closing the landfill earlier. Commissioner Gibson suggested it would be worth investigating. Mr. Patterson was asked to explore a range of options and how the options would impact the County financially. Mr. Patterson discussed leaf and limb, an operation that might be significantly scaled down.

The Board of Commissioners by consensus directed the County Manager to keep the lines of communication open with the City.

Commissioner McCook suggested a work group made up of County and City staff meet every other month for the next six months to discuss options.

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford and duly seconded by Vice Chair Gibson to adjourn. Vote: Motion unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Ann W. Kurtzman
Clerk to the Board

Carol McCall
Chair