

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting January 5, 2026 6:00 p.m.  
EOC Building 1403 West Boulevard  
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**Commissioners in attendance:** Chairman Frizzell, Vice Chair O’Neal, Commissioners Edge, Williams, McPhatter. Ivey, Edge and Shelley.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Frizzell called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**Invocation**

Commissioner Williams gave the invocation.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Frizzell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

**Motion made to approve the agenda by Commissioner Ivey and the motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Edge. Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

**Public Forum**

No one was present to speak during the Public Forum.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion for approval of Consent Agenda made by Comm. Williams and the motion was duly seconded by Comm. Ivey. Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

**Other Action**

Vice Chair O’Neal stated that he thought anyone with adjoining property could speak. Chairman Frizzell informed him that if there is standing property or interest is affected then they can speak during the Quasi-Judicial Hearing. Comm. Ivey asked them to make note of the March 2026 BOC meeting being moved from Monday, March 2, 2026 to Monday, March 9, 2026.

**Congratulations to the Lumbee Tribe for Federal Recognition**

Chairman Frizzell offered congratulations to the Lumbee Tribe for their Federal Recognition.

**Grant Update**

Joy Hine, Grant Administrator and Compliance Officer stated that it had been eight weeks since they last met and she wanted to give an update on the work that she has been doing regarding grants. She shared the following data:

Grants awarded (Successful Outcomes): 5

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- Awaiting Decision (Pending Review): 8
- Applications Submitted (Proposal Development): 16 totaling more than \$250,000
- Researched Opportunities (Initial Screening): 80+
- To date, she has received \$63,000 for the County

She also shared the monetary amount for existing grants she manages being \$1,653,495 and upcoming management of the NCORR Project being \$9,656,244. She announced that she has obtained a scholarship to attend a workshop at ECU to increase her expertise at no cost to the County. The T-Mobile Grant obtained by Mrs. Hine and Mrs. Maley was discussed. On the compliance side she stated that she handles the budget attendance reports, and is working on reports for the first half of the year. Regarding the Landfill and Solid Waste, she is working with Mr. M. McGirt to establish a data tracking system. They have a meeting tomorrow with a scrap tire contractor. She thanked them for the opportunity to present. There were no questions from the Board.

**Communication Planning**

County Manager Snead stated that she was looking at ways to improve communication with the citizens and that we can do a better job of getting information out. She shared an example of a Press Release/Facebook Posting and stated that she is looking for guidance. Also, that the PIO will get the information out the day following the meeting or within a few days as another method of keeping citizens informed..

**Discussion and Questions:**

Comm. Shelley stated that this is a great idea and we need to have more communication with the public. He also stated that the meetings are livestreamed, but you don't know whether the public knows that and if they watch the meetings. County Manager Snead stated that this could be a social media post and/or press release. Vice Chair O'Neal stated that this will help us to help others. The lag time between meetings and approval is 30 days and with this the information should be out between 24 - 48 hours. He also volunteered to help with this. Board consensus for this to occur. Comm. Ivey asked the County Manager if she stills interviews on WLNC radio. She replied yes.

**Quasi-Judicial Hearing: Jash Shah and Harsh Rangpara**

Chairman Frizzell shared the meaning of the Quasi-Judicial hearing and how the Board must make their decision based on the facts submitted. He asked those that will be speaking to come forth and be sworn in by Clerk Tyson. Clerk Tyson sworn in the following: Zoning Official Brooke McQueen, Applicant Jash Shah, Helen Livingston, Kevin Maynard, Thomas Willis, Bradley Brigman, Thomas Blue, Daniel Campbell, Denise Paul and Reginald Drakeford. Chairman Frizzell asked Zoning Official McQueen to present. She stated that she is bringing back the request for a Special Use Permit for Jash Shah. She stated that the Planning and Zoning

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did vote to approve. Attorney Johnston asked if all the conditions were met and if they were in the packet. Zoning Official McQueen answered yes. Attorney Johnston asked her if she had identified seven people with property interest or adjoining property. She replied yes. Jash Shah was asked if he was sworn in. He acknowledges that he was sworn. He stated that he met with the Board in December 2025, and it was recommended that he go back and meet with the Planning and Zoning Board. The Planning and Zoning Board made recommendations regarding the RV park. They came to a consensus to put some conditions in place. He is working with the County and the Planning and Zoning Board. He wants to grow in the community and give back as well.

**Discussion and Questions:** Comm. Shelley asked what kind of fence will be installed. Jash Shah stated that it would be a 6 foot chain link fence. Also other fencing as landscaping for privacy and this was discussed with the Planning and Zoning Board. Comm. Williams stated that his concern is safety and security. He asked how will you monitor who is in the park. This is close to the City and proximity to Hwy. 74. Who is monitoring 24 hours, day to day. Jash Shah replied that he wants it to be safe for residents and the community. He is installing security cameras, 24 hour security (24/7), onsite manager, check in and check out system, his partner assisting, and background verification to reserve a spot (ids required). He also stated that he doesn't want this to be for residents, but for those that are traveling here. Comm. Ivey asked him to define background checks on all individuals and what would be allowed. Who will you let in the gate? What is included or excluded. Comm. Ivey asked who to include and who to exclude? Sex Offenders, persons with tickets. Jash Shah stated that the person applying will have to have the id and must match the background. He does not want to get in trouble with the County. The RV Park is open for many people, open to skilled workers, construction workers, etc. Chairman Frizzell mentioned that they can only stay there 60 days. Jash Shah stated that there is no long term stay. He will work with the Planning and Zoning Board on this and will let the residents know the plan. He has been with Amazon for 20 years. Chairman Frizzell asked if he had done this before. Jash Shah answered no, but he owns a hotel in Charlotte, NC and has done research. Chairman Frizzell asked what is the contingency plan for the RV park. Jash Shah replied that this is long term, looking at land use plans for Scotland County and people to be moving to Scotland County. To open up some amenities to the County, splash pad, etc. Comm. Edge asked if this was the only county that he looked at. Jash Shah stated he looked at Richmond County and others. Comm. Shelley stated that he doesn't see the draw, the attraction and that he doesn't stay in Scotland County. Comm. Edge asked what happens when things break out, having to use our Sheriff's Office. Jash Shah stated that there will be one person on property 24/7. To work with locals. To have more people for support and to not call 911 unless in a dire situation. Comm. McPhatter stated that he commends Jash Shah and partner for bringing this to Scotland County. Comm. O'Neal referenced the waste water plan and that Mr. Shah said that the County Environmental Dept. would approve. Mr. Shah stated that he has his

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engineer here to speak. Vice Chair O'Neal asked Thomas Blue if he is a qualified expert and Mr. Blue introduced himself as an engineer, land surveyor, has B.S., Master's and Doctorate degrees and runs his own practice. Vice Chair O'Neal asked him to help him understand. Thomas Blue addressed, stating that when you get into larger systems with the RV Park and other parks you have more concentrated waste. Some rules changed over the years by NCDEQ. Looking for the long term effects. Vice Chair O'Neal asked if he thought 51 spaces could be supported. Thomas Blue stated that he would have to go out to the site, do some poring, get a soil scientist, look at the land characteristics, size of septic tank, 100% repair area and traffic is not to back up over this. Also the 51 spaces are based on the permitting by NCDEQ. Vice Chair O'Neal stated that you can't tell us exactly how many. Thomas Blue said it could be about 35, but tapped out at 51. Vice Chair O'Neal asked if there were any issues with contamination or wet lands. Thomas Blue responded that this is part of the analysis study to be done. Vice Chair O'Neal asked how much would a study like this cost? Thomas Blue stated \$10,000 and it also depends on the type of system and what we find. Attorney Johnston asked, is there any reason that this cannot be done prior to approval. Thomas Blue stated yes it can and he is not sure of the contract. Chairman Frizzell asked if there was anyone here with a position against this. He mentioned Ms. Helen Livingston and that he thinks she has property.

Ms. Helen Livingston stated that she lives at 2200 Elm Avenue in Laurinburg. She and her brother Tom Jones have 97 acres which border this RV area. She stated her concerns as follows: (a handout with more detailed information is attached)

- Fiscal Impact: County Services vs Revenues
- Public Safety Concerns
- Negative Impact on Surrounding Property Values
- Land- Use Compatibility
- Long Term Consequences

Ms. Livingston states that she respectfully asks the Commissioners to deny this request for the reasons of the imbalance between service costs and tax revenue, the public safety concerns associated with the transient occupancy, and the negative impact on surrounding property values. She thanked them for their time and their service to our community. Vice Chair O'Neal asked Ms. Livingston if she had attended the prior meeting. She stated that she heard about both meetings over the internet. Vice Chair O' Neal asked her if she had an expectation that she would be notified. She replied yes.

Jash Shah responded to Ms. Livingston that the acreage is 30 acres, not 7. Attorney Johnston stated that initially the property was compressed. Jash Shah responded 13 on one side and 18 on the others. Also that 51 sites is the proposed number, not 51 for sure, it depends on the engineering study. Will build only what the study shows. Comm. Shelley asked him if it would

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be to his advantage to do the studies beforehand. Jash Shah responded yes it is. He stated that if done, does it work within the timeline. It can take months to get all of this done. Chairman Frizzell asked him if he had anything else to say.

Daniel Campbell 12347 Highland Road Laurinburg, NC, Mr. Campbell stated that he owns 17 acres between the Lockemy property and the Jash Shah property adjoins his. He said that he is in the process of cleaning up his property and camping out. He stated that the guys told you about the studies, well there are camps at Ocean Park in South Carolina that are very nice. But when it rains there, it pours and the sewage rises. Several months ago he had a convertor stolen, he said that those at the RV sleep and then get up. He is saying no to the RV Park. Attorney Johnston asked him if he was a former officer. He replied yes, an Auxiliary Officer, over 18 years and counting. Attorney Johnston asked him based on his experience would you say that what Ms. Livingston is saying is true. He replied yes, visitors come and go, no one to check ids. Jash Shah responds to Mr. Campbell that sewage was brought up in the Planning and Zoning meeting. This will be a quality study. Procedures will be in place to make sure this won't happen. He is saying that everyone will have an ID. Mr. Campbell stated that with employees, sometimes they get lax and let stuff slide.

Kevin Maynard 12800 Highland Road Laurinburg, NC, south of the property to the right. The facts are stated on the map, there is a solar farm bordering this RV Park, an active railroad spur, behind this property is a swamp, a major transition line overhead, to the right going south is Daniel Campbell's property, Helen Livingston's property and there is a 50+ year capped landfill. It does not add up. The Planning and Zoning Board put eleven more stipulations on this property. Would have investors, scope of design, and would have everything together before coming to you, but instead sent back to the Planning and Zoning Board. The nail hit in the head by Ms. Livingston, transients. Who is going to enforce this? His questions to Jash Shah, why is the Planning and Zoning Board and the Commissioners having to ask questions. He is not prepared. Anyone who wants to invest in Scotland County would have their ducks in a row. Too many questions, a cheap piece of property, not a quality property. Jash Shah to Mr. Maynard, Would not say that he is ill prepared, ducks are in a row. The process is to get the permit first, only then can you do other things. Regarding 51 units, a good RV Park is not crushed and run. Conditions have been set. If the Commissioners ask for paved roads, then they can do this. Condition #10, Performance Bond, we are accountable and we met the requirements set by the County. No criminals, people that work in unions, military folk. Mr. Maynard to Jash Shah - You are prepared in your sense, but the Planning and Zoning Board added eleven stipulations. You can check with Cooperative Extension regarding whether land perks, can't buy land that doesn't perk. You started with an idea and developed into an RV Park. This is sold as an Amazon, you have contract workers already. It's not one thing or another, just pick or choose.

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Commissioner O'Neal stated that the initial plan said 149 spots and asked how did he get 149? Did you go across the land? Jash Shah responded that their plan is only 51 and the 149 is a typo from Thomas Blue. Chairman Frizzell pointed to the map and asked if there were not some safety concerns, regarding the railroad track. Jash Shah replied there will be fencing and a 50 foot buffer with a 40 foot on the sides.

Thomas Willis of 15580 Old Johns Road Laurinburg, NC stated that his property backs up to Ms. Livingston's and the Martins. He runs an RV Park. He states that in October 2025, Mr. Shah was on his property and walked to his office, he said that he googled Mr. Willis. He said that the vehicle was parked at his gate and key pad. He was not invited on the property. Mr. Willis stated that he asked him about a pull through park and that he didn't know what that was. This caused him to question Mr. Shah. Comm. Ivey asked Mr. Willis, how many spots does he have? Mr. Willis replied eight and he is to add more as the property was zoned for mobile home park prior to him getting the property. Comm. Shelley asked Mr. Willis, how many acres. Mr. Willis replied 50 acres. Chairman Frizzell asked how many mobile home spots. Mr. Willis replied 25 -30. Attorney Johnston stated that the septic system was not accommodating. Mr. Willis stated that his zoning is through the City. Comm. Shelley asked if he had sheets with signatures and rules. He also asked if the residents had a stay of a week or two weeks. Mr. Willis stated that he does not rent to locals unless they are traveling. Jash Shah stated that he does work for Amazon. Regarding pull throughs, he is new to the site. He has talked to people as to what they look for in an RV Park, paved, gravel, etc. If the Board thinks 51 sites is too much then they can scale it down. Mr. Willis mentioned that there are two more RV Parks, Liz's Campground and Camp Resort.

Denise Paul stated that her family owns Liz's Family RV Camp in Marston, NC. Her concern is how they compete business wise. They have 15 sites and on the average six are used, there is room for more usage. Her question is what will happen to their park and the other parks. She is concerned about the small RV Park owners. Comm. Shelley asked how many years has the park been operating. Ms. Paul replied three years. Comm. Shelley asked her if she stayed in North Carolina. She stated that she stays in Atlanta and the land has been in their family for 20 years and they are located on Palmer Road. Chairman Frizzell asked if the RV Park can be seen from the road. Ms. Paul stated no. Vice Chair O'Neal asked if the departure time is 72 hours. Ms. Paul stated that they ask the residents to let them know in advance. Attorney Johnston informed the Board that this park is grandfathered in. Comm. Ivey asked if she has anyone staying year round. Ms. Paul replied no. Ms. Paul stated that they have a playground for the kids, septic tank, well water, and two washer/dryer houses.

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Reginald Drakeford also added that Liz's Family RV Camp has a patio area with a grill, they have a get together for the residents once every two weeks. With a big RV Park it is hard to do this gathering. They also have a bathhouse with showers, electric washer and dryers, but no internet. They are looking into getting the internet soon. Mr. Drakeford wished him luck, but he would say no to the request. Chair Frizzell stated that there are not any questions for Mr. Drakeford.

Bradley Brigman stated that his property is in front of Carter Lumber Company. He has small children. He has questions regarding the fence sizes, and if there is a noise ordinance. He is concerned about the type of people coming in. Other questions: What will it look like? How close will they build to the railroad and road. Are they going to level the land? He stated that if you are coming in from the beach and it is late, do you want to back up? He referred to the map and stated there is a 4-5 level difference and it drops at the green dot. Comm. Frizzell asked if there is lots of runoff? Mr. Bradley replied yes. Jash Shah said to Mr. Bradley that he agrees with the five foot elevation. He also stated that landscaping and elevation is addressed and that it is step one, then graveling. Kids? Late hours? When working late, people come home to rest. These will be older people with families, the park has rules and regulations.

Chairman Frizzell closed the Quasi-Judicial Hearing. He then asked the Commissioners if they had any questions. Comm. Shelley stated that he was putting the County Manager on the spot, referencing the handout from Ms. Livingston, being item #1, point 3 revenue. He asked the County Manager how much money this would generate to the County. County Manager Snead stated that she did not know, but stated that personal property tax is paid where the camper is registered. Comm. Shelley stated that Scotland County is only getting revenue from the land. Comm. Shelley asked the County Manager if she sees a lot of revenue coming into the County from those staying in the park.. County Manager Snead replied that it is a toss up. Maybe eating in the other or Scotland County, not sure how long they are staying. Comm Ivey asked if the RVs would be paying TDA fees like the hotels. The reply was no. County Finance Director Butler stated that there are fees/costs assessed on the units there at about \$1,500 per site, about \$76,000. For the 51 sites. Comm. Ivey stated that TDA is the Tourism Development Authority) tax. **Motion made by Comm. Ivey to deny the request. The motion was duly seconded by Comm. Edge. There was no discussion. Vote to approve: Six in favor and one (Comm. McPhatter) in opposition.** Attorney Johnston stated that he will draft the ordinance for the decision. .

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**Rezoning Request: Calvin R. Gibson**

Zoning Official McQueen presented the request to rezone from RA (residential agricultural) to HC (highway commercial) in order to have a restaurant for take-out meals on the property with

his dwelling. The property is approximately .41 acres located at 6790 Old Wire Road in Laurel Hill, NC 2835, also described as Scotland County Tax Map Number 179, Block 06 and Parcel 322. Zoning Official McQueen stated that the Planning and Zoning Board made the recommendation to approve the request. Attorney Johnston asked if Mr. Gibson was present. Zoning Officer McQueen answered yes. Attorney Johnston also asked her if she had notified all property owners?. She answered yes. Comm. Ivey asked Mr. Gibson if this was a take out, not eating out. Mr. Gibson replied that it is a commissary take out order. Chair Frizzell asked if the Commissioners had any additional questions. Attorney Ed Johnston asked if the application met all the standards. Zoning Officer McQueen stated yes. Comm. Shelley asked for and received clarification of the location via the map provided. Chairman Frizzell asked if there was any opposition. Vice Chair O'Neal asked Zoning Officer McQueen about the neighbors and their opinion. Zoning Officer McQueen stated that two neighbors came out and they were in favor of the approval. **Comm. Williams made the motion to approve the zoning request and the motion was duly seconded by Comm. Edge. Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

**Jail Discussion/Planning**

County Manager Snead stated that this discussion does not have anything to do with the staff, but we are dealing with the physical condition of the jail. You've had this issue before and we need some more discussion before we are ordered to do things which will put us in a different position. There has been one meeting with Richmond County.

**Discussion and Questions:**

Comm. Ivey stated that meeting with Richmond County does not solve our courthouse problem and that some things have been done or being budgeted for, such as the generator and the door. County Manager Snead stated that there has been some patchwork done instead of funding completing new projects, especially given the potential to build a new jail in the future. Comm. Ivey stated that his view is to start planning, as we have an idea of a courtroom and jail and the land required would be approx. 15 acres. He also mentioned the Charter with the location of the courthouse being within a mile. He has spoken with Senator Britt and was told that he could get the Charter changed. We are talking \$70 - \$80 million dollars and being told that it would be 2027 budget, but now not sure if you will receive anything. Comm. Ivey recommended during budget time to get a note from the bank. Put back about \$3 million dollars yearly and this would show LGC that we have the ability to pay the note back. He also suggested having an informal look for availability, look for infrastructure, especially water and sewer. Comm. Williams mentioned that land is available if you want to go north. Comm. Ivey stated that it can't be

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placed near a railroad, due to noise and hazards. Vice Chair O'Neal stated that the courthouse can do with renovations, but the jail is another thing with a 140-145 population. Taking a regional approach, having a willing partner, etc. Comm Williams asked what did Richmond do. Comm. McPhatter replied that they went up. Comm. Williams stated that there is an entire block

at the jail that is not unfinished. Vice Chair O'Neal stated that they've met with Commissioners and Chief jailers at Richmond County and the solution is to build together, and cost share. We need to look at both options. Comm. Williams states that this will be a pissing contest with Richmond. Vice Chair O'Neal questioned the singular approach. Comm. Williams recommended incorporating law enforcement in this decision. Comm. Ivey stated that there is not any infrastructure on the Scotland County/Richmond County line. Comm. O'Neal stated that we can do this. Get the right people on the board. He also stated that per Senator McInnis to get a resolution from both Scotland County and Richmond County Boards of Commissioners. Comm. Shelley recommends looking at both scenarios, and to obtain data from other places. He also said that we can do this and we have legislative support. Chairman Frizzell recommends that the Board look at both approaches. He has spoken with Senator McInnis and others, and chances are better with consolidation. Comm. Shelley stated that we need someone that is in the same situation that we are. County Manager Snead stated that there are two models in North Carolina where two or more counties are together. Chairman Frizzell advises to do a feasibility study, and if the study shows you save money then we decide. County Manager Snead informs them that with a feasibility study you must give them guidelines. Comm. Williams mentioned the districts, at one time we were with Hoke, now with Richmond and Anson counties. What if we change districts again. Vice Chair O'Neal tells the Board to think about things for the future and how we use the taxpayers money. To make smart decisions for the citizens of Scotland County, to continue meeting on a monthly basis and to do the feasibility study. Chairman Frizzell stated that if we could save hundreds or thousands of dollars, we could raise salaries. Comm. Ivey stated that everyone is not on board. Vice Chair O'Neal stated that no one that was at the meeting was against it. County Manager Snead stated that we need an answer from Richmond County and could just say no if not interested. Vice Chair O'Neal mentioned that DA Jamie Adams is saying yes. Our elected officials are saying yes. Spending \$70 million versus \$83 million dollars. Chairman Frizzell stated that County Manager Snead to contact the County Manager in Richmond County to ascertain whether or not they are interested in paying half for a feasibility study. Chairman Frizzell asked if this was the consensus. There was a consensus.

**Policy Approvals**

County Manager Snead stated that the Policy Committee met and brings the following policies for approval:

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**Employment of Family members.** Change to this policy to apply the same standards as if you were dating an employee.

**Voluntary Shared Leave.** This policy did not have a definition of “prolonged medical event”. This is now 30 days and is not open to interpretation.

**Rules of Procedure.** Looking at the Board’s Rules of Procedure as instructed. Changes: Can now serve more than two terms, but the Chair of that Board must recommend this to you. Living in Scotland County to serve on boards, to read “living in Scotland County is preferred.”

**Motion made by Comm. Ivey to approve the policies and the motion was duly seconded by Comm. Williams.** Vote to approve: Unanimous.

**Board Appointments**

Vice Chair O’Neal informed the Board that there are six applicants for the HHSA Board, three vacancies and the other positions require specialization. **Motion made by Vice Chair O’Neal to appoint Summer Woodside, Janna Williams and Mary Anderson to the HHSA Board.** The motion was **duly seconded** by Comm. Ivey. Vote to approve: Unanimous.

County Manager Snead added that the BOC will be meeting as the Board of Health in February 2026 and the HHSA to decide upon the number of members. Vice Chair O’Neal mentioned that he spoke with HHS Director Holland prior to this meeting and it was decided to keep the sixteen members for the first year.

**County Manager’s Report**

**North Turnpike Water Line**

The contract with Burnette Enterprises of Wilmington, NC is being reviewed. A first meeting with the contractor will occur this month. Jim Blackwell continues to be hired as the project manager. The HDR contract includes work as called upon by Mr. Blackwell or the County Manager. The number of fully paid meters at this time are 21 and an additional 38 partially paid. There are approximately 87 parcels in the range of the project. (68% of all parcels)

**Discussion and Questions:** Vice Chair O’Neal asked if there was a due date for those that have made partial payments. County Manager Snead stated that there is no end date. Chairman Frizzell asked what the predicted date was. County Manager Snead stated that they are forecasting January 2026. She also stated that it won’t close until it is very close to time to install the meters.

**Public Safety Audit**

The Audit of 911, EMS, and the Sheriff’s Office is close to completion. Information has been provided about staffing, scheduling, vehicles, overtime, and policies.

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Ordinance Work

Health and Human Services is working on the Animal Control ordinances to review and bring potential revisions to the full Board. Zoning is working on the Subdivision Ordinances to review and bring recommended revisions to the full Board. Both expect to be presented in draft form at

the February meeting. Additionally, Animal Control and the Humane Society met today and today's meeting was a first step, positive conversations. The plan is to bring in more County staff, as there are many NC regulations in regard to Animal Control.

John Blue House

The John Blue house continues to have work completed that is final touch ups. Before any final payment is made the Inspections Department will go on site and inspect the work for the county to ensure all elements of the contract have been met. County Manager Snead added that she visited the site and it looks great. She also met with Mr. Medlin last week. No recent payments have been made.

**New Business:**

Upset Bid Resolution

Scotland County has received an offer to purchase Parcel ID #030418A03012 at 20321 Blakely Road, #12 Falcon, Laurinburg, NC 28352 of approximately 1.0680 acres of land for \$6,000.00 submitted by Ms. Tiffany Miles. The property is valued at \$10,340 and \$5,202 is currently owed in taxes and fees. I recommend moving forward with the upset bid process for the property. (attachment)

**Motion made by Comm. Ivey to approve the Upset Bid Resolution and the motion was duly seconded by Comm. Edge. Vote to approve: Unanimous. .**

Scotland County and City of Laurinburg Water Agreement

The Laurinburg City Council voted to accept and move forward with the new Water Agreement between the City and County. After review and amendments of the Agreement by the County attorney and manager, both recommend moving forward with the Agreement. (attachment)

The County Manager stated that the changes to the agreement are to reduce the term of the agreement from 25 years to 5 years and remove the City's responsibility to do water testing. We will hire someone to do our testing as we are responsible.

**Discussion and Questions:** Vice Chair O'Neal asked about the fee schedule. The County Manager stated that this does not include the fee schedule. **Motion made by Vice Chair O'Neal to approve the Scotland County and City of Laurinburg Water Agreement. The motion was duly seconded by Comm. Shelley. Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

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Health and Human Services Advisory Committee

A formal decision should be made to provide payment (or not) for those serving on the new Health and Human Services Advisory Committee. Current per meeting payment is \$35 for each member and \$50 for the Chair. **Vice Chair O’Neal made the motion to pay all HHSA Committee members \$35.00. The motion was duly seconded by Comm. Williams. Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

Legislative Goals

As the year progresses, we should start considering what our legislative requests will be and what our focus is. Last year we asked for a jail and courthouse, EMS substation in Wagram, and a Splash Pad upgrade. To this date, none have been funded. The County Manager stated that this was provided to trigger your thought process. She also stated that we have not received answers to the requests made last year.

New Report

Each month the Human Resources Department will provide you with a retention report across all county departments and the county as a whole. The first report is available this month. The County Manager stated that the numbers are all over the board. They will be adding more information and to show the open vacancies in each department. This information will help with recruitment.

The County Manager shared upcoming events hosted by the various Scotland County Departments along with activities at the Laurel Hill Community Center.

County Commissioner News

**Commissioner Edge** - Nothing

**Commissioner Williams** - Expressed thanks to the County Manager for the Parks and Recreation meetings and getting them back where they need to be.

**Commissioner Ivey** - Nothing

**Commissioner McPhatter** - Nothing

**Commissioner Shelley**- Agrees with the statement made about Parks and Recreation, that it was a great meeting and they are to continue. To start with property taxes earlier this year. Also mentioned that Mr. Jimmy Watts was on Facebook stating that we were defunding the Sheriff’s Office. County Manager Snead stated that to defund is taking away funding from a department. Also, there has been no money from any departmental budget nor freezing of the budget. She is not sure if this is referencing the Sheriff’s Office and the overtime. She informed the Board that the Sheriff’s Office is working overtime and managing it well at this time. A point was made that there is a difference in defunding and managing spending.

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**Vice Chair O’Neal** - We had two zoning actions tonight and would like to have the Zoning Chair present with the Zoning Official. They would be able to give insight to what they will be hearing. He spoke with Chair Dockery and he would be happy to be there, but taking his daughter back to college. He also stated that inviting him to attend would help us to help him.

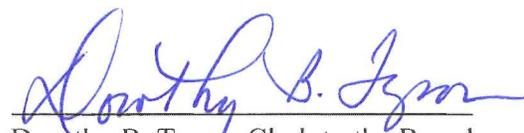
Chairman Frizzell stated that the next meeting would be a Budget Meeting on January 21, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. at the EOC Building.

He also stated that the Board would go into Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(4) To discuss matters relating to the location of expansion of business in the area served by this body.

**Motion made by Comm. Shelley and duly seconded by Vice Chair O’Neal to go into Closed Session. Vote to Approve: Unanimous.**

**Upon returning to Open Session, Chairman Frizzell recessed the meeting until Wednesday, January 21, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. for the Budget Meeting at the EOC.**

  
Bo Frizzell, Chair

  
Dorothy B. Tyson, Clerk to the Board

