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Commissioners in attendance: Chairman Tim Ivey, Vice Chair Darrel “BJ” Gibson (left at 7:00 pm), John Alford, Bo Frizzell, Whit Gibson, and Darwin Williams. Commissioners not in attendance: Clarence McPhatter II; Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Ed Johnston, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, Community Relations Specialist/Deputy Clerk Adam Peele.

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Ivey called the meeting to order and asked Vice Chair Gibson to give the invocation, and then Chairman Ivey led the pledge of allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Chairman Ivey then stated that Vice Chair Gibson had to leave at 7:00 pm and that the Board and Committee appointments needed to be moved to item #2. With that change, **motion was made by Commissioner Whit Gibson to approve the agenda and the motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Williams. Vote to approve agenda: Unanimous**

Public Forum

The Board first heard from Ms. Ernestine McAllister who asked the Board for an update to the North Turnpike Water Extension. She asked that the Board speak to any timeline, the price increase and any work that had been done. Chairman Ivey stated that the Board had discussed that at their last meeting and hoped to discuss it tonight.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda for April was as follows:

1. *Approve Minutes of March 6, 2023 Regular Minutes*
2. *Approve February tax refunds, releases, and discoveries (Attachment A)*
3. *Approve City of Laurinburg Fireworks request(Attachment B)*
4. *Approve Allocation for ARPA funds–Allocate \$230,000 for Library ADA compliance*
5. *Approve Library Amnesty Week April 24-28*
6. *Approve American Rescue Plan Policies*
7. *Approve budget amendments (Attachment C)*

Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Whit Gibson. Vote to approve consent agenda: Unanimous.

Boards and Committees

Vice Chair Gibson stated that the ABC Board has two vacancies that they need to fill and there are three applications after Ms. Doretha Swann withdrew her application. **Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson to appoint Mr. Leon Butler and Mr. William Graves to a three year term on the ABC Board. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Alford and the vote**

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to approve was unanimous. Vice Chair Gibson also stated that the chair of the Board of Equalization and Review (BoER) had to come off the BoER because of term limits and the Board needs to appoint a new chair of the BoER. **Motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson to appoint Mr. Henry Byrd as the chair of the BoER. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Williams and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

Scotland County Rescue Squad

The Board next heard from Mr. David Laviner, Chief of the Scotland County Rescue Squad. Mr. Laviner stated that he was coming to the commissioners to ask for \$25,000 for a search and rescue enclosed trailer to secure search and rescue equipment to provide search and rescue support both inside and outside of the County. Mr. Laviner stated that in the last search and rescue here in Scotland County that a lot of resources from across the state and other states came in to aid in the search. Scotland County hasn't been able to do that because we haven't had the resources. According to Mr. Laviner, the trailer will be housed and maintained with the rescue squad and there is already \$10,000 left over from an earlier grant that will be used toward the purchase of the trailer. Discussion followed about the kind of equipment that would be in the trailer and what would be used to pull the trailer. Following discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner Williams to approve the purchase of the trailer for \$25,000 to be used with American Rescue Plan funds. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Frizzell and the vote to approve was unanimous.** Mr. Laviner was also asked about the new truck that was bought last year. Mr. Laviner stated that the plan was to get the new truck and to give the old truck to Richmond County to get their rescue squad up and running. The problem is that the new truck hasn't been delivered yet, due to supply chain issues.

DSS Proclamations

The Board next heard from April Snead, DSS Director. Ms. Snead stated that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and the proclamation was to recognize that designation. Upon hearing from Ms. Snead, **motion was made by Commissioner Whit Gibson to approve the proclamation. Motion was duly seconded by Vice Chair Gibson. Vote to approve was unanimous.** Ms. Snead also informed the Board that April is Second Chance Month in North Carolina and there will be a second chance event on April 27 to recognize the importance of reentry. Upon hearing from Ms. Snead, **motion was made by Vice Chair Gibson to approve the proclamation. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Williams and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

Legal Opinion for Tis the Season and Renew Life Group, LLC

The Board next heard from County Attorney Ed Johnston. Mr. Johnston stated that the Board had asked him to look into and offer legal counsel about 2 funding requests. The first was the Renew Life Group, LLC and their request for a playground on the property of the Laurinburg Housing Authority. Mr. Johnston stated that the Board has the authority to fund this request or not but that they need to work with the housing authority since it is their property. Ms. Dee Rainer asked the Board to hold off on a decision until something can be worked out with the housing authority. *The Board by consensus agreed not to make a decision yet.* Mr. Johnston also gave a legal opinion on Tis the Season's request for funding. Mr. Johnston stated that this group is focused on Christmas and have about 25 churches participating and one of the activities is a

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drive through nativity. Since the Board funds parks and recreation, they have the authority to fund that way. However, Mr. Johnston stated that he doesn't feel that the Board has authority to fund Tis the Season and this could set a precedent for other religious groups to ask for funding.

911 Emergency Communications

The Board next heard from Samantha Dutch, 911 Director. Ms. Dutch informed the Board that National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week is held each year in the second full week of April and asked the Board to adopt the proclamation proclaiming April 9-15 as National Public Safety Telecommunicator Week in Scotland County. Upon hearing from Ms. Dutch, **motion was made by Vice Chair BJ Gibson to approve the proclamation and the motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Alford. The vote to approve was unanimous.** Ms. Dutch also informed the Board that the Scotland County emergency communicators were given a commendation from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety for their work during a 911 degradation event on March 23, 2023. On that day calls from Scotland County went to other 911 centers across the state and calls from other parts of the state came into Scotland County. The problem lasted about 2 hours and the telecommunicators were professional and no major problems were reported. Ms. Dutch then read the commendation from the Department of Public Safety.

East Laurinburg Offer

The Board next heard from County Manager Kevin Patterson concerning the former East Laurinburg Town Hall building and vacant lots previously belonging to the town. Mr. Patterson stated that the United Steel Workers have presented an offer to purchase the building and two vacant lots for \$25,000. Commissioner Whit Gibson asked if they would make it available to the community. Mr. Patterson stated that there is no guarantee that the group would keep it open to the public. Chairman Ivey stated that he is concerned about the stuff that is in the building because there is nowhere at the museum to put it. Commissioner Frizzell asked how much the property was worth. Mr. Patterson said since it was a government building, there was never an appraisal done for tax purposes but one could be done. Upon hearing from Mr. Patterson, **motion was made by Commissioner Whit Gibson to table the matter until more information is available. The motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Frizzell and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

Health Department Report

The Board next heard from Health Director Amanda Deaver. Ms. Deaver informed the Board that April 3-9 was National Public Health Week. Ms. Deaver stated that she would like to recognize the 40+ employees of the health department. Ms. Deaver also brought the bad news that Scotland County is ranked 98 out of 100 counties in North Carolina in the latest health rankings and that health outcomes are in the lowest percentile. Ms. Deaver stated that there needs to be healthier behaviors. Commissioner Whit Gibson asked if there was something that this Board of Commissioners could do to help with these. Ms. Deaver stated that the Board could ban smoking on all county property. Discussion followed about what could be done by the Board to help improve these rankings.

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IE Johnson

The Board next heard from County Manager Kevin Patterson concerning the progress at I.E. Johnson school. Mr. Patterson informed the Board that right now we are on track to be completed with phase 1 by the end of June of this year. Chairman Ivey stated that the Board got a letter from the DSS Board expressing concern about moving forward with the plans to put a section of DSS at I.E. Johnson. Discussion followed about funding and splitting the DSS agency. Upon conclusion of discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner Frizzell to table the discussion until July after assessing if state funding is granted. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Alford.**

County Manager Report

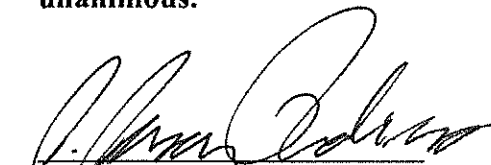
Mr. Patterson informed the Board that the North Carolina Railroad Company has awarded the Scotland Incubator Park \$400,000. Also, Willis Engineering has been invited to come to the April 26th meeting to talk about water. Mr. Patterson explained that the County did not get funded for a grant and gave reasons for why the county was not funded. This grant was to extend the water system to North Turnpike Road. Discussion followed about what was needed for the North Turnpike extension. Mr. Patterson also informed the Board that Parks and Recreation is having a Murder Mystery on May 6th and in the past they have served beer and wine but since this one is being held at the Laurel Hill Community Center, they need approval of the Board. Upon hearing from Mr. Patterson, **motion was made by Commissioner Whit Gibson to approve the request as long as parks and recreation follow the same procedures as others. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Frizzell and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

Commissioner News

Commissioner Williams stated that he enjoyed the district meeting of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) and that he learned a lot. Commissioner Whit Gibson stated that he had a lot of calls about the animal shelter and not sure if the Board can do anything but need to have the animal board advised. Chairman Ivey echoed the sentiments of Commissioner Williams about the district meeting.

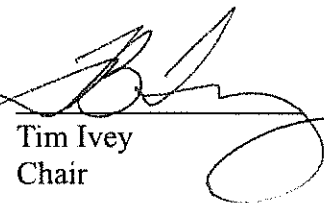
Recess

Having no further business at this time, **motion was made by Commissioner Whit Gibson to recess the meeting until Wednesday, April 26th at 9:00 am at the Edwin Morgan Center. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Alford. Vote to recess was unanimous.**


J. Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board

(county seal)




Tim Ivey
Chair

ATTACHMENT A



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March 1, 2023

Beth Hobbs
Finance Officer Scotland County

Re: Release, Refund and Discovery Report for February 2023

Dear Ms. Hobbs,

Please find attached releases, refunds and discoveries for the month of February 2023.
The grand totals are as follows:

1. Releases less than \$100 – Totaling: **\$392.11;**
 2. Releases more than \$100 – Totaling: **\$13,284.98;**

 3. Refunds less than \$100 – Totaling: **\$0.00;** All other refunds were due to overpayment;
 4. Refunds more than \$100 – Totaling: **\$0.00;** All other refunds were due to overpayment;
- and,
5. Discoveries – Totaling: **\$36,852.81.**

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marty Pate". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Marty Pate
Scotland County Tax Collector

Enclosure

RELEASES LESS THAN \$100

NAME	ACCT/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
Annie Gales	2022-6946	\$ 27.07	listing error - chasity
Anna Ruth McLean	2019-2022	\$ 68.04	listing error/property sold
Clarrissa Kaifos	2022-10637	\$ 85.00	home unhabitable
Elizabeth Caulder	2022-3367	\$ 17.17	listing error/prop. removed
George Pratt	2022-18193	\$ 22.88	listing error/property sold
Jerry Jacobs	2021-2022	\$ 63.68	listing error/property sold
Kevin DeWayne Norton	2022-24595	\$ 15.92	listing error
Larry Priest	2022-24892	\$ 5.20	listing error/sold prior 2021
Melissa Haney	2022-8256	\$ 22.88	listing error
Robert Vanduzer	2021-2022	\$ 64.27	listing error
		Total	<u>\$ 392.11</u>

RELEASES MORE THAN \$100

NAME	ACCT/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
Albert Lane	2022-200606	\$ 5,154.98	qualified for puv-rollback rel
Allan Gowins	2017-2022	\$ 244.66	foreclosure- county purchase
Beyond The Veil	2022-1505	\$ 295.26	exempt property
Daniel Gause	2015-2022	\$ 2,572.94	foreclosure- county purchase
Robin Gamberg	2022-24688	\$ 143.52	listing error
Russell Mack	2022-12754	\$ 2,832.75	transfer error/exempt
Shannon Cummings	2022-4832	\$ 229.14	foreclosure/county purchase
Solid Waste Services	2022-200595	\$ 1,702.80	listing error
Tammy Moody	2021-804096	\$ 108.93	listing error
		Total	<u>\$13,284.98</u>

REFUNDS LESS THAN \$100

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
		Total	<u>\$0.00</u>, all others due to overpayment

REFUNDS MORE THAN \$100

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ATTACHMENT B

City Clerk

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March 15, 2023

Mr. Tim Ivey, Chairman
Scotland County Board of Commissioners
County of Scotland
P.O. Box 489
Laurinburg, NC 28353

Re: Request for Public Exhibition with Fireworks

Dear Chairman Ivey:

Pursuant to NCGS 14-413, the City of Laurinburg hereby requests that the Scotland County Board of Commissioners approve the City's request to hold an Independence Day fireworks celebration on July 4, 2023. I greatly appreciate any consideration the Board of Commissioners will give to this request.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harold W. Haywood". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "H".

Harold W. Haywood
Administrative Services Director / City Clerk

cc: Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board

ATTACHMENT C

Scotland County Budgetary Adjustments March 31, 2023

Amendment #	+/-	Amount	Reason	Accounts	
				Revenue	Expenditure
BA-0253	+	48,750.00	Establish E. Lbg Reserve Fund and allocate additional revenues received	Ad Valorem Prior Years Reserve Account Miscellaneous Revenue Insurance Proceeds	Utilities Property over \$5k Miscellaneous Expense
BA-0255	+	7,000.00	to transfer funds from EMS to Emergency Management for a generator - Mobile Command Unit		Vehicles Property over \$5k
BA-0257	+	11,000.00	Insurance Proceeds for Roof Repair LHCC Classroom Extension	Insurance Proceeds	Property over \$5k
BA-0258	+	4,000.00	to allocate LHCC revenues	Rental Revenue Vending Income Miscellaneous Revenue	Supplies
BA-0265	+	46,000.00	to move funds for Market Park project from Public Buildings to Parks & Recreation		Property over \$5k Improvements Recreation Park Repairs
BA-0266	+	711,494.00	to adjust lease income for schools to reflect amount supplemented by restricted sales tax	Lease Income	Lease Payment Applied
BA-0268	+	27,272.00	East Laurinburg's remainging ARPA funds	Federal Grant	Miscellaneous Expense