

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Wednesday, July 19, 2023,
Edwin Morgan Center, 217 Peden Street, Laurinburg**

Commissioners in attendance: Chair Tim Ivey, Vice Chair Darrel “BJ” Gibson, Commissioners John Alford, Bo Frizzell, and Whit Gibson. **Commissioners not in attendance:** Commissioners Clarence McPhatter II, Darwin Williams.

Staff in Attendance:

Clerk to the Board/Interim County Manager Jason Robinson, Human Resources Director Susan Sanders, Economic Development Director Mark Ward, Library Director Leon Gyles, DSS Director April Snead

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford to approve the agenda. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Frizzell, vote to approve was unanimous.

Discussion of County Manager Appointment

Chairman Ivey stated that at this time we need to vote on appointing April Snead as County Manager, and he opened up for discussion. Chairman Ivey stated that he had sent everyone an employment agreement to look at, which County Attorney Ed Johnston had done. Commissioner Alford stated that there was no need for discussion, that he was delighted and proud to recommend April Snead.. **Motion was made by Commissioner Alford to appoint April Snead as County Manager. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Frizzell. The voting was done by roll call in alphabetical order. Commissioners John Alford-yes, Bo Frizzell-yes, Darrel Gibson-yes, Whit Gibson-yes, and Tim Ivey-yes. Unanimous.** Chairman Ivey congratulated Ms. Snead and stated that she would be sworn in on August 1, 2023

Land Swap at Laurinburg Airport Discussion

Mr. Robinson stated that the FAA requires the airport to get an appraisal on their property to determine the value of it. Their attorney stated that the county needs an appraisal as well, but our attorney does not think we need an appraisal. Economic Development Director Mark Ward stated that the FAA requires that the land that is swapped with the airport has to be at, or exceed the value they are changing. The question is, what could we provide the airport to substantiate that our property is at the amount or exceeds the amount? He stated the only way the airport attorney thought that would happen is with an appraisal. Chairman Ivey stated that in the spirit of not holding up any longer, we also do an appraisal. After discussions, **motion was made by Chairman Ivey to ask if a letter of statement from the tax administrator would be acceptable, if not, proceed with the appraisal. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Frizzell.** Discussion followed concerning the properties and their value and what the process has been to get to this point. **Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

SCAP Resolution

Chairman Ivey informed the Board that Southeast Community Action Partnership has requested a resolution for the donation of land and the annex building for one of the grants they are seeking. Upon hearing from Chairman Ivey, **motion was made by Commissioner Whit Gibson to approve the resolution. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Alford and the vote to approve was unanimous (Attachment A).**

Personnel Request

Deputy Clerk has been vacant and approval is need to split the jobs. Job 1: Deputy Clerk Job 2: Veteran's Service Officer (VSO) which will need an assistant VSO will require certification. Ms.Susan Sanders stated that we would have to close the recruitment and advertise the two separate positions to make it clean. Vice Chair Gibson asked if that is adequate time. Mr. Robinson replied, yes it is adequate.

The Community Relations Specialist is budgeted as follows:

Salary	\$39,763
Full Fringe	<u>\$19,104</u>
Cost of the Position	\$58,867

1 Part-Time Position working 18 hours per week = 936 hours x \$18.42/hr. (Hiring Rate for Grade 66) =

\$17,241 x 2 positions = \$34,482

FICA & WC of 7.6518% = \$ 2,638

Total Cost of 2 Positions = **\$37,120 This would result in a savings of \$21,747.**

Motion was made by Commissioner Alford to split the jobs. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Frizell. Vote to approve: Unanimous

County Manager

Mr. Robinson informed the Board that CSX would be doing some repaving at intersections within Scotland County at the end of July and through the middle part of August.

There is an event on July 24th at the EOC Building at 10:00am. It is a ribbon cutting for Clima Vision, which is a radar that was put on the Wagram Water Tower. A speaker is needed for the event and all are invited to attend. It is a big deal because it will help us. We will get free information from them that is going to help us concerning tornados, thunder storms and other weather events. We will be able to go there and view it. It will cover from Fayetteville, NC to Columbia, SC. They examined Scotland, Richmond, Moore, all surrounding counties to determine the location for this radar and chose Wagram. They will provide free information to all of our Emergency Services.

NSG Pilkington is having a tour of the new furnace before it goes active on August 8th at 2pm and all elected officials are invited. Mr. Ward stated that also in October they are having their 50th birthday party. October 21st will be for the elected officials and a lot of other people, and October 22nd is for employees and other community people.

Mr. Robinson introduced Elizabeth Anderson to the board as contracted help to catch up the minutes.

Commissioners Comments

Chairman Ivey started his comments by planting a seed of the need to look around and think about putting a Recycling site at East Laurinburg because there is not one. Food for thought, we need to do something.

Vice Chair Gibson

None

Commissioner Bo Frizell None
Commissioner Whit Gibson - Congratulated April Snead
Commissioner John Alford - Congratulated Elizabeth Anderson who was contracted to
Mr. Robinson with minutes, and congratulated April Snead

Adjournment

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford to adjourn, motion was duly seconded by
Commissioner Frizell. Vote to approve was unanimous.**


J. Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board

 
Chairman

(Seal)

ATTACHMENT A



RESOLUTION

DONATING LAND TO SOUTHEASTERN COMMUNITY ACTION PARTNERSHIP

WHEREAS, Southeast Community Action Partnership is an organization that contributes to the Scotland County community by providing affordable housing, and;

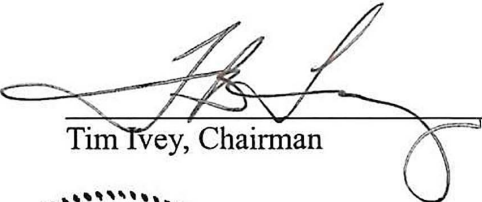
WHEREAS, Scotland County Government has land at the former I. Ellis Johnson School, and;

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Scotland County desire for there to be more affordable housing opportunities in Scotland County.

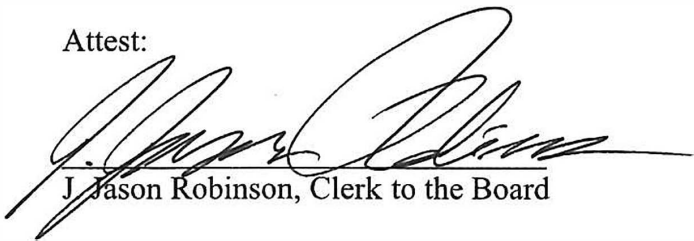
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF SCOTLAND:

1. That the County of Scotland does hereby donate to Southeast Community Action Partnership a parcel of land and the building known as "the annex" for their administrative offices.
2. That Southeast Community Action Partnership has six (6) years to develop the land for affordable housing or the land will revert back to Scotland County.
3. That the county attorney and appropriate county staff will work with Southeast Community Action Partnership to accomplish this donation and all legal requirements that are required.

Adopted this the 19th day of July, 2023


Tim Ivey, Chairman

Attest:


J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board

