

*Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting January 6, 2020, 1403 West Boulevard, Laurinburg, NC*

**Scotland County Board of Commissioners regular meeting January 6, 2020, Emergency Operations Center, 1403 West Boulevard, Laurinburg, NC**

Commissioners in attendance: Chair Bob Davis, Vice-Chair Carol McCall, Commissioners John Alford, Betty Blue Gholston, Whit Gibson, Tim Ivey, and Clarence McPhatter II. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson, County Attorney Edward Johnston, and Deputy Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson.

**Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Bob Davis called the regular meeting of the commissioners to order, and asked Commissioner Alford to deliver the invocation. Chairman Davis then led the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Davis then stated that he would entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

**Motion was made by Commissioner Alford to approve the agenda and the motion was duly seconded by Vice-Chair McCall. Vote to approve agenda: Unanimous**

**Public Forum**

The Board heard from Ms. Dell Parker of St. John's Church Road in Laurinburg. Ms. Parker updated the Board concerning the new merged voting districts. According to Ms. Parker the plan for the merger of the voting districts was approved by the State Board of Elections. Ms. Parker also informed the Board that because of a decision in the 4<sup>th</sup> circuit federal court ID's would not be required in the March primary. Ms. Parker also reminded the Board about the voting equipment demonstration on January 28<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Ivey requested Ms. Parker to review the voting districts merger once more which she did.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda for January included the minutes of the December 2<sup>nd</sup> regular meeting and special meeting. Also included in the consent agenda was the request by the Department of Social Services to surplus a vehicle. The vehicle was a 2008 Dodge Caravan SE VIN #2D8HN44H38R706085. The consent agenda also contained tax department releases, refunds, and discoveries (Attachment A). Finally, the consent agenda included requests from the health department (Attachment B). **Motion was made by Commissioner Gibson to approve the consent agenda. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner McPhatter. Vote to approve consent agenda: Unanimous.**

**Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) Funding Request**

The Board next heard from Randy Jones, current Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) chair. Mr. Jones stated that he was before the Board to obtain approval for additional funds of \$19,015 from the state for "raise the age", the effort to move 16 and 17 year-old offenders into the juvenile justice system instead of the adult justice system. Upon hearing from Mr. Jones, **motion was made by Commissioner Gibson to approve the additional funding. Motion was duly seconded by Vice-Chair McCall. Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

**Scotland County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**

The Board next heard from Parks and Recreation Director Bryan Graham. Mr. Graham stated that he had come before the Board to receive approval for the revisions of the bylaws of the Scotland County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Mr. Graham informed the Board that a subcommittee of the advisory board had been headed up by Mrs. Ann Kurtzman and tried to find ways to become more efficient. The subcommittee recommended approval of the bylaws and the full advisory board has approved the revision. Mr. Graham stated that the new bylaws cut the number of members of the advisory board from 15 to 12 as well as making 6 members a quorum in order to conduct business and putting a term limit of two years in place. According to Mr. Graham this is something that can sometimes cause a problem. Mr. Graham also informed the Board that the commissioners appoint 10 of the 12 members as well as having a commissioner on the advisory board. Upon hearing from Mr. Graham, **motion was made by Commissioner Gibson to approve the new bylaws for the Scotland County Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Motion was duly seconded by Vice-Chair McCall. Vote to approve: Unanimous.** (Attachment C)

**Communications Tower Request**

The Board next heard from Mike Edge, Emergency Communications Director. Mr. Edge stated that he was before the Board was to request a funding adjustment to the communication tower project. According to Mr. Edge this project is actually three projects. The first project is to replace the communication tower, the second is to upgrade radios, and the third is to upgrade communications in the 911 building. Mr. Edge also stated that funding for these projects are coming from four different funding sources, including Verizon. Mr. Edge further stated that he is asking for an additional \$119,000 to complete all the upgrades. Mr. Edge also told the Board that one of the reasons for the increase need in funding is because of the size of the coaxial cable that is needed, in order not to lose any transmission signal. Mr. Edge also informed the Board that the North Carolina Highway Patrol (NCHP) is moving to phase 2 in their radio communication within the next five years. If Scotland County does not plan for this switch over now it will cost much more later on. Mr. Edge also told the Board that the County had applied for about \$250,000 from the 911 Board and they agreed to fund all of that request except for about \$56,000. Commissioner McPhatter asked if the County could go back to Verizon to ask for additional funds. Mr. Patterson replied that not at this time. Commissioner Gibson inquired if this would fix the problem of not being able to talk to other counties. Mr. Edge replied that it will be better but that we still don't have all of the correct frequencies. Commissioner Alford inquired why that the County just didn't upgrade all the radios to the 800 system. Mr. Edge replied that would be about a \$5 million project. Chairman Davis then stated that the capital committee had met earlier in the day and recommended the additional funding to come before the full Board. Upon hearing from Chairman Davis, **motion was made by Commissioner Gholston to approve the additional funding of \$119,000 to complete the telecommunication tower project. Motion was duly seconded by Vice-Chair McCall. Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

**Fire Commission Request**

The Board next heard from Mac McDougald, Fire Commission Chairman. Mr. McDougald stated that he was coming before the Board to seek final approval on the purchase of

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a pumper truck for the Stewartville Fire Department. Mr. McDougald also stated that with the replacing of this pumper at Stewartville that all of the pumpers in the county will be replaced and hopefully won't have to purchase fire trucks for a few years. Mr. McDougald explained to the Board that the chief at Stewartville had sought three bids for this truck but only received two. The lowest bid was for \$354,000 from Deep South, the other bid was over \$390,000. Upon hearing from Mr. McDougald, **motion was made by Commissioner Gibson to approve the purchase of the pumper truck for Stewartville Fire Department. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Ivey. Vote to approve: unanimous.** Commissioner Ivey then inquired as to the fire commissions role with the city. Commissioner Ivey stated that he had noticed that truck #61 was used 95% of the time on calls and was concerned about the life span and wondered if it was on the same schedule of replacement as the other trucks.

**Financial Report**

The Board next heard from Finance Officer Beth Hobbs. Mrs. Hobbs reviewed both the revenue and expenditures up through December 31, 2019. According to Mrs. Hobbs, at the midway point in the year the County has taken in 49% of revenues and has expended 46% of expenditures. Vice-Chair McCall asked Mrs. Hobbs if she had seen anything out of the ordinary this year. Mrs. Hobbs replied that everything looked pretty normal to her so far and that nothing jumped out to her. Commissioner Ivey asked if it was normal for the school capital not to be expended. Mrs. Hobbs stated that was normal that the schools usually ask for the capital. Commissioner Ivey also inquired about the historic properties line item being at 101%. Mrs. Hobbs stated that there is a phone system that historic properties had not reimbursed the County for yet because it was cheaper for the County to get it.

**Meeting Place Discussion**

The Board next turned its attention to the meeting place discussion. Commissioner Ivey stated that some folks were having trouble hearing the commissioners at the meeting and that when the meeting was watched back on YouTube that it was difficult to hear because of the HVAC system. Commissioner Ivey further stated that there might need to be some money put into a sound system. Commissioner Alford asked the audience about the video screens in front of the commissioners. The audience didn't seem to have a problem with the screens. Commissioner Gholston inquired if the EOC building was used for other activities. County Manager Kevin Patterson responded that the building was used for many different functions. Commissioner Gholston expressed a desire to have a dedicated space for commissioner meetings. Vice-Chair McCall stated that if the commissioners were looking for more formality that there are things that can be done at the EOC. Commissioner Gibson expressed that he thought that Commissioner Ivey had a good idea about the sound system. Chairman Davis stated that he is hearing that someone, possibly the county manager, can look into a better sound system.

**Board of Elections Request**

The Board next heard from County Manager Kevin Patterson. Mr. Patterson stated that this request had been on the agenda for the past couple of months. Mr. Patterson reviewed that the Board of Elections has requested that the elections director and the elections assistant be reclassified. Mr. Patterson informed the Board that human resources is recommending moving the director up in steps to a 73-9 and to create the position of Deputy Elections Director to be at a

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grade and step of 63-5. According to Mr. Patterson this recommendation from human resources comes after researching other counties pay plans. Chairman Davis stated that it looks like the amount is \$57,660 for the director and \$33,324 for the deputy. **Motion was made by Commissioner Gholston to move the Elections Director to a grade 73 step 9 and to create a Deputy Elections Director position at grade 63 step 5 to be effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Ivey.** Commissioner Gibson inquired if these were the amounts that the Board of Elections had requested. Mr. Patterson stated that they were within \$672 and that the reason for that was that those amounts proposed were in line with the pay plan. **Vote to approve: Unanimous.**

**Tax Assessor Appointment**

The Board next heard from Mr. Patterson concerning the appointment of a tax assessor. Mr. Patterson stated that with the retirement of Mary Helen Norton on December 31, 2019 that it left the County without a tax assessor. Mrs. Norton also served as tax administrator according to Mr. Patterson. Mr. Patterson further stated that statute requires either a 2 or 4-year term for the assessor. Mr. Patterson informed the Board that Mr. James Brown has been working for the County for the last seven years as the appraiser and the last little over a year as deputy tax administrator, a position that was created when Mrs. Norton announced her plans to retire. Mr. Brown has obtained all necessary certifications and classes to become the assessor/administrator. Upon hearing from Mr. Patterson, **motion was made by Vice-Chair McCall to appointment Mr. James Brown as Tax Assessor/Tax Administrator for a two-year term beginning effective January 1, 2020. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Gibson.** Commissioner Ivey then asked if this is something that should be advertised for. Mr. Patterson responded that when the recruitment for the deputy position was done it was with the understanding that the person hired as deputy administrator would be administrator/assessor when Mrs. Norton retired. **Vote to appoint Mr. Brown: Unanimous.**

**Appointments to Boards and Committees**

Vice-Chair McCall informed the Board that there are two appointments to be considered this month. Both of these appointments occur with the Aging Advisory Council. The two individuals who have applied are Brenda Gilbert and Phil Rech. **Motion was made by Vice-Chair McCall to appoint Ms. Gilbert and Mr. Rech to the aging advisory council. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Ivey. Vote to appoint to the aging advisory council: unanimous.**

**County Manager Report**

Mr. Patterson began his report with a reminder that there will be a community input session on January 9<sup>th</sup> in Laurel Hill. The idea is to bring the ideas back to the Board to be part of a work session of a vision for community centers. Mr. Patterson further stated that there would be table facilitators. Chairman Davis stated that from what he has heard is that the problem is not with demolishing the building but not putting anything back in its place, and the Board needs to let people know that they (the Board) are committed to doing something. Chairman Davis also stated that these input sessions are something that the Board has been wanting to do. Mr. Patterson also mentioned to the Board that it is probably time to have a discussion on rule and procedures as well as a new way of looking at the budget. Mr. Patterson suggested having a meeting on January 28<sup>th</sup> between the election equipment demonstration.

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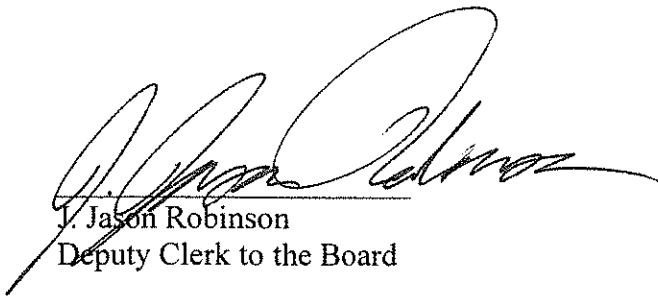
Several commissioners were not able to make a meeting on this day so nothing was decided about the timing of this meeting. Mr. Patterson also informed the Board that it is time to schedule a budget retreat in February. He suggested February 18<sup>th</sup> but several commissioners couldn't make that date either. The next week was discussed but nothing was scheduled conclusively. Mr. Patterson also reminded the Board about the Chamber Dinner on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.


**Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Ivey gave an update on the New Horizons situation. Commissioner Ivey informed the Board that he had heard from Senator Tillis' office earlier in the day. According to Commissioner Ivey, the group that was trying to open this facility is going to be asked some questions concerning trying to open the facility.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business, **Motion was made to adjourn by Commissioner Gibson.** **Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Alford.** **Vote to adjourn: Unanimous.**

  
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J. Jason Robinson  
Deputy Clerk to the Board

  
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Bob Davis  
Chair

(county seal)



# ATTACHMENT A



MARY HELEN NORTON  
TAX ADMINISTRATOR  
(910) 277-2566

## County of Scotland TAX DEPARTMENT

507 W COVINGTON ST.  
POST OFFICE BOX 488  
LAURINBURG, NORTH CAROLINA 28353



MARTY PATE  
TAX COLLECTOR  
(910) 277-2566

December 2, 2019

Beth Hobbs  
Finance Officer Scotland County

Re: Release and Refund Request for November 2019

Dear Ms. Hobbs,

Please find attached releases, refunds and discoveries for the month of November 2019.  
The grand totals are as follows:

1. Releases less than \$100 – Totaling: **\$73.99;**
2. Releases more than \$100 – Totaling: **\$36,292.23;**
3. Refunds less than \$100 – Totaling: **\$0;** All other refunds were due to overpayment;
4. Refunds more than \$100 – Totaling: **\$0;** All other refunds were due to overpayment;  
and,
5. Discoveries – Totaling: **\$18,102.35.**

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marty Pate".

Marty Pate  
Scotland County Tax Collector

Enclosure

**RELEASES LESS THAN \$100**

NAME	ACCT/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
Bell-South Tel Co	6060017	\$16.86	update from NCDOR
John Bryant	8100089	\$28.60	no longer the owner
Wade Scott	8102645	<u>\$28.53</u>	dlb listed
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$73.99</u></b>	

**RELEASES MORE THAN \$100**

NAME	ACCT/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
5 Stars Farm Poultry	5811789	\$10,480.47	new info/decreased value
Alphonso Gibson	2090136	\$ 306.13	updated info
Annette Coble Dorsey	8098365	\$ 2,300.20	foreclosure sale 9/10/19
Bell-South Tel Co	6060017	\$ 720.84	update from NCDOR
Com Finance Acq LLC	8103578	\$ 3,314.73	foreclosure sale 9/10/19
Emily Elizabeth Dorsey	8098364	\$ 2,300.20	foreclosure sale 9/10/19
Floyd Beauchamp	4094225	\$ 472.50	qualified for exclusion
Henrietta McNeill	3030002	\$ 2,849.72	foreclosure sale 9/10/19
Jamal Covington	8009022	\$ 104.82	swmh sold prior to 2017
Lawrence Jackson III	904821	\$ 2,829.39	foreclosure sale 5/14/19
Mary Hewitt	2002380	\$ 1,680.80	foreclosure sale 9/10/19
Michael Geraghty	8100720	\$ 7,448.03	foreclosure sale 9/10/19
Wesley Blue	3094075	<u>\$ 1,484.40</u>	foreclosure sale 9/10/19
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$36,292.23</u></b>	

**REFUNDS LESS THAN \$100**

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	all others due to overpayment

**REFUNDS MORE THAN \$100**

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>	all others due to overpayment

**DISCOVERIES**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Total gap discovery amount	<u><b>\$3,243.10</b></u>	gap m/v billing

**Other discoveries**

Bell-South Tel Co	\$ 47.36	update from NCDOR
Bill Jordan Homes, Inc	\$ 675.92	unlisted swmlh
Grady Robinson Poultry Farm	\$1,314.00	Corrected BPP
Grady Robinson Poultry Farm	\$2,414.62	Corrected BPP 2014 discovery
Grady Robinson Poultry Farm	\$2,868.52	Corrected BPP 2015 discovery
Grady Robinson Poultry Farm	\$2,612.76	Corrected BPP 2016 discovery
Grady Robinson Poultry Farm	\$2,229.94	Corrected BPP 2017 discovery
Grady Robinson Poultry Farm	\$2,693.17	Corrected BPP 2018 discovery
LMK Communications LLC	\$ 2.87	update from NCDOR
LMK Communications LLC	<u><b>\$ .09</b></u>	update from NCDOR
<b>Total</b>	<u><b>\$14,859.25</b></u>	

**Total for all discoveries**      **\$18,102.35**



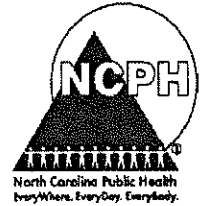


Kristen Patterson, MHA  
Health Director

# ATTACHMENT B

## SCOTLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Laurinburg, North Carolina 28353-0069  
Phone (910) 277-2440 • Fax (910) 277-2450



# Memo

**To:** Kevin Patterson, County Manager  
**From:** Kristen Patterson, MHA  
**Date:** January 2, 2020  
**Re:** BOC Consent Agenda Items

A. Requesting approval for New Labs 2 Go:

Name	CPT	TEST#	PRICE
Iron	83540	001339	\$8.00
Reticulocyte Count	85045	005280	\$13.00
Amylase	82150	001396	\$14.00
Antigliadin Abs, IgA	83516	161646	\$30.00
Inflammatory Bowel Disease-IBD	86256,86671	164830	\$97.00
Lipase	83690	001404	\$14.00
HSV #2 REFLEX	86696	NO#	\$57.00
CA27.29	86300	140293	\$35.00
5' Nucleotidase	83915	001701	\$26.00
Copper, Serum	82525	001586	\$23.00
Vitamin B1 (Thiamine), Blood	84425	121186	\$28.00
Vitamin B6, Plasma	84207	004655	\$40.00
Zinc, Plasma or Serum	84630	001800	\$12.00

B. New Funding – Family Planning Title X funds \$14,828

# ATTACHMENT C

## Scotland County NC DPS - Community Programs - County Funding Plan

Available JCPC Funds: \$ \$152,332  
 Raise the Age Expansion Funds: \$ \$19,015

Local Match: \$ \$73,128 Rate: 10%

DPS JCPC funds must be committed with a Program Agreement submitted in NC Allies and electronically signed by authorized officials.

#	Program Provider	New 19-20 Total DPS Funds	Original 19-20 DPS Funds	DPS-RTA Expansion Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER	OTHER	Total
					County Cash Match	Other Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind	State/ Federal	Funds	
1	Scotland County JCPC Administration	\$12,390	\$11,390	\$1,000						\$12,390
2	PIM-Youth Empowered To Succeed (YES) Program	\$35,885	\$30,610	\$5,275			\$59,368			\$95,253
3	SFY-Restitution/Community Service Program	\$48,600	\$41,710	\$6,890			\$4,500			\$53,100
4	SFY-Parent/Family Skill Building Program	\$44,365	\$44,365				\$4,445			\$48,810
5	SFY-Teen Court Program	\$21,486	\$18,507	\$2,979			\$3,375			\$24,861
6	SFY-Substance Abuse Freedom (SAFE)	\$8,621	\$5,750	\$2,871			\$1,440			\$10,061
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<b>TOTALS:</b>		<b>\$171,347</b>	<b>\$152,332</b>	<b>\$19,015</b>			<b>\$73,128</b>			<b>\$244,475</b>

The above plan was derived through a planning process by the Scotland County  
 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council and represents the County's Plan for use of these funds in FY 19-20

Amount of Unallocated JCPC Funds \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Unallocated RTA Expansion Funds \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of funds reverted back to DPS \_\_\_\_\_

Discretionary Funds added \_\_\_\_\_

Check type:  Initial plan  Update  Final

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 Chairperson,  
 Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Date)

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 Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)  
 or County Finance Officer

---DPS Use Only---

Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Consultant \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Reviewed by \_\_\_\_\_  
Program Assistant \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Verified by \_\_\_\_\_  
Designated State Office Staff \_\_\_\_\_  
Date