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Commissioners in attendance: Chair Bob Davis (electronically), Vice Chair Carol McCall (electronically), Commissioners John Alford (by phone), Betty Blue Gholston (electronically), Whit Gibson (electronically), Tim Ivey (electronically). Commissioners not in attendance: Commissioner Clarence McPhatter II. Staff in attendance: County Manager Kevin Patterson (electronically), County Attorney Ed Johnston (electronically), Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson (electronically).

Call to Order, Invocation, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Bob Davis called the meeting to order, he then ask Commissioner Gibson to deliver the invocation and Chairman Davis lead 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 Greg Wood who gave an update to the coronavirus situation as it related to Scotland Health System. Mr. Wood stated that it seems that very slowly that infections and hospitalizations are going down, at least for the last 5 days. Mr. Wood also urged all community leaders to continue to stress wearing masks and social distancing for people's safety. Chairman Davis reiterated what Mr. Wood said and urged everyone to wear a mask. The Board next heard from Ms. Brenda Tyson with the Scotland County Health Department. Ms. Tyson stated that she was speaking for a number of workers in the health department who feel that they have put their lives on the line. Ms. Tyson stated that the workers at the health department knew that the County received funds for the coronavirus and the workers she represents feel that the essential workers should receive hazard pay and that it has been done in other counties. Chairman Davis stated that Mr. Patterson knew all of the requirements of the CARES Act funds and he was sure that if there was any way that it could be done that Mr. Patterson would do it.

Consent Agenda

The consent agenda for August included the approval of the July 6th regular minutes. It also included the approval of \$13,700 in insurance proceeds for the sheriff's department. The consent agenda also contained approval of the SCATS fare policy and the approval of DSS to accept donations. The consent agenda also included the June tax refunds, releases, and discoveries (Attachment A). Also, the consent agenda contained the tax collector's settlement for the 2019-2020 tax year (Attachment B). Finally, the consent agenda included the request to surplus the following equipment: 1998 JCB 426b Loader Serial #SLP426ZOVE0531405-Unit 411; 1983 Mack Tanker VIN #1M2B112C1DA002515-Unit 426; 2013 Ford E450 Cutaway Van 22' LTV VIN#1FDEE3FS8DDA75525 and 2013 Ford E450 Cutaway Van 22' LTV VIN#1FDEE3FS5DDA79080. **Motion was made by Commissioner Ivey to approve the**

consent agenda. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Alford. Vote to approve consent agenda: Unanimous.

100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment-Women's Suffrage

The Board was scheduled to hear from Mrs. Martha Roblee with the League of Women Voters but due to scheduling conflict postponed the presentation until September.

Public Hearing-Rezoning and Conditional Use Application Number 489-20 William Floyd

County Attorney Ed Johnston said the purpose of the quasi-judicial hearing is to receive evidence about the application and not public opinion. Mr. Johnston said the decision by the Board is based on the evidence received and the evidence is all the Board is allowed to consider although it may impose reasonable conditions on the conditional use pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance. County Manager Kevin Patterson informed the Board that the Planning and Zoning Board met on July 15th and voted to recommend approval of the rezoning and conditional use permit. Chairman Davis opened the public hearing and asked if anyone was to speak in favor of the rezoning and conditional use permit. Mr. Bill Floyd stated that he was there to speak in favor of the rezoning and conditional use permit along with his father, William Floyd, and Executive Vice-President of the Gryphon Group, Frank McBee. This application request is for two parts, the first to rezone 160 acres from RA to I2 for additional military training by Gryphon Group. This property is adjacent to the property that Gryphon Group currently leases and uses for training. Mr. Bill Floyd, Mr. William Floyd, and Mr. McBee were all duly sworn for testimony. Mr. Bill Floyd stated that this was a great opportunity for the Gryphon Group, which has been a great success story in the community and are able to look at expansion. The rezoning would allow military training to take place on the property which is the same zoning designation as the adjacent property. The property is also buffered on all sides. Commissioner Ivey had question about the location of the property. Vice Chair McCall asked that if the Floyd family owns the property and intends to lease it to the Gryphon Group. Mr. Bill Floyd responded that it was owned by the Floyd family and they intend to lease it to the Gryphon Group for military training. Commissioner Alford inquired as to how many acres were going to be rezoned to I2? Mr. Bill Floyd responded that there were approximately 160 acres pending the survey. Commissioner Alford also asked how many acres were going to be used for training. Mr. Bill Floyd stated that the entire property would be used but maybe not at the same time, depending on the situations for which they are being trained. Mr. Johnston asked if this was an expansion of current property. Mr. Bill Floyd stated that the use of this property would be the same as the adjoining property and not an additional use. Mr. Bill Floyd also stated that the rezoning will increase the tax value quite a bit. The current tax value per acre was about \$1,000/acre and the rezoning will increase it to about \$4,000/acre. Mr. Johnston also inquired of any safety violations from Gryphon Group. Mr. McBee stated that there have been no safety violations at all. Mr. Johnston asked if there were any environmental violations, public health issues. Mr. McBee stated that none of those have occurred either. Mr. Johnston asked if this use will affect the adjoining land owners. Mr. Bill Floyd stated that it would not have adverse effects on the property if anything it will enhance and improve it. Mr. Johnston asked if the use will be in harmony with the activity currently at the property. Mr. Bill Floyd stated that it would be in harmony with the current uses. Mr. Bill Floyd also testified that it has appropriate roads, utilities, and drainage. Also that there is appropriate ingress and egress to the property. Commissioner Gibson inquired about access to the property and Mr. Bill Floyd testified that Gryphon Group has security on the road to the

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property. Mr. Johnston asked Mr. Bill Floyd to give him a brief summary of what he just testified to, Mr. Bill Floyd stated that he would get that to Mr. Johnston. Chairman Davis asked if anyone would like to speak in opposition to the rezoning and conditional use permit. Hearing from no one, Chairman Davis closed the public hearing. **Motion was made by Commissioner Alford to approve the rezoning request and the conditional use permit with a finding that the requirements of the zoning ordinance has been complied with and that the information will be supplied by Mr. Bill Floyd to Mr. Johnston. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Ivey and the vote to approve was unanimous.**

Zoning Public Hearing and Change of Meeting Place for September

The Board next heard Mr. Patterson concerning a text amendment. Mr. Patterson stated that he would recommend the Board to authorize the initiation of a text amendment to regulate tactical training facilities and combat training facilities and to remove section 16.4 regarding certain buffers. Commissioner Gibson inquired that if this were to pass if there would still be a public hearing. Mr. Patterson responded that the public hearing will still occur. Upon hearing from Mr. Patterson, **motion was made by Commissioner Alford to authorize the initiation of a text amendment to the zoning ordinance. Motion was duly seconded by Vice Chair McCall. Vote to approve policy revisions: unanimous.** Mr. Patterson then mentioned that staff would like to introduce rules and procedures for public hearings dealing with zoning text amendments. Mr. Patterson stated that this doesn't have to be approved tonight but would like for the Board to look over them. Mr. Patterson also asked the Board to change the meeting place for the September 8, 2020 meeting to Scotland Place. Because of the public hearing and the fact that the paving might not be completed at the Emergency Operations Center Mr. Patterson recommended to the Board that it might be best to move the location of the meeting. Mr. Patterson stated that it would be best to have that already established already before any advertising for the public hearing. Upon hearing from Mr. Patterson, **motion was made by Commissioner Gibson to move the September 8, 2020 meeting from the Emergency Operations Center to Scotland Place at 7:00 pm. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston. Vote to approve: unanimous.**

Discussion of Recess and Tour of I. Ellis Johnson Elementary School

Mr. Patterson then stated that because of the expected weather it might be best to recess the meeting until Wednesday morning at 9:00 am at the Morgan Center. Mr. Patterson further explained that a tour of I. Ellis Johnson Elementary School, which is being offered to the County by the Board of Education, would be done at that time as well. Commissioner Gholston inquired if the tour was going to be first or if it was going to be toward the end of the meeting. Vice Chair McCall, Commissioner Ivey, and Commissioner Alford stated that it might be best to tour the property before having any discussions about its future. Chairman Davis asked if there was any need to go look at South Scotland as well. Discussion was had between the Board about visiting South Scotland School as well. Chairman Davis stated that might be something to decide once the Board tours I.E. Johnson.

NCACC Delegate

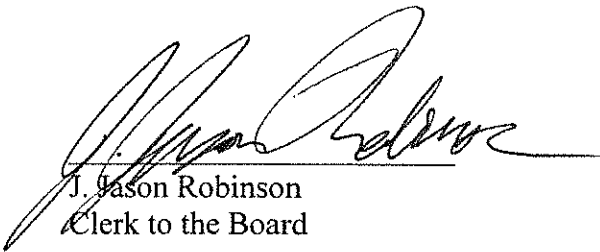
Commissioner Gibson then brought the Board's attention to another item of business, the election of a voting delegate for the upcoming North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Conference. Commissioner Gibson stated that the conference starts

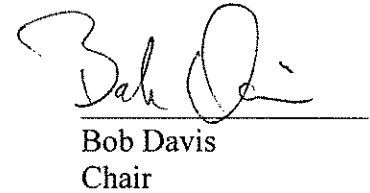
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on Wednesday so he was wondering if the Board need to select a delegate tonight. Discussion followed about the election of a delegate. Upon conclusion of discussion, **motion was made by Commissioner Gibson to appoint Vice Chair McCall as voting delegate and Commissioner Ivey as alternate. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Gholston and the vote to adopt was unanimous.**

Recess

Having no further business at this time, **motion was made by Vice Chair McCall to recess the meeting until 9:00 am on Wednesday, August 5th at I.E. Johnson Elementary School. Motion was duly seconded by Commissioner Ivey. Vote to recess: unanimous.**

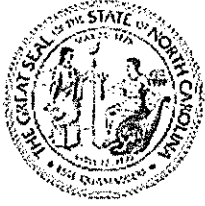

J. Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board


Bob Davis
Chair

(county seal)



Attachment A



County of Scotland TAX DEPARTMENT



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MARTY PATE
TAX COLLECTOR
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July 1, 2020

Beth Hobbs
Finance Officer Scotland County

Re: Release and Refund Request for June 2020

Dear Ms. Hobbs,

Please find attached releases, refunds and discoveries for the month of June 2020.
The grand totals are as follows:

1. Releases less than \$100 – Totaling: **\$29.92;**
2. Releases more than \$100 – Totaling: **\$7,458.96;**
3. Refunds less than \$100 – Totaling: **\$45.72;** All other refunds were due to overpayment;
4. Refunds more than \$100 – Totaling: **\$2,588.92;** All other refunds were due to overpayment;
and,
5. Discoveries – Totaling: **\$5,059.39.**

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
Cassandra McNeill	2019-4402	<u>\$29.92</u>	Listing Error
	Total	<u>\$29.92</u>	

RELEASES MORE THAN \$100

NAME	ACCT/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
Courtney McCrimmon	2018-2019	\$ 668.50	Home demolished - 2017
Deborah Howell	2000-2019	\$1,713.01	foreclosure sale – co owns
Michael Simmons	2002-2019	<u>\$5,077.45</u>	foreclosure sale – co owns
	Total	<u>\$7,458.96</u>	

REFUNDS LESS THAN \$100

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
Curtis Holloman	2019-8868	<u>\$45.72</u>	Co for ins payment
	Total	<u>\$45.72</u>	all others due to overpayment

REFUNDS MORE THAN \$100

NAME	DESC/BILL #	AMOUNT	REASON
Betty Catherine Jordan	2017-10250	\$ 531.35	dlb payment
Maxine Bryant	2011-2365	\$ 195.00	Co for Atty fees
Narnarayan Hospitality	2019-15293	<u>\$1,862.57</u>	Co for Occup tax
	Total	<u>\$2,588.92</u>	all others due to overpayment

DISCOVERIES

NAME	AMOUNT	REASON
Total gap discovery amount	\$ 5,059.39	gap m/v billing

Other discoveries

\$ 0.00

Total for all discoveries **\$5,059.39**

Attachment B

County of Scotland

TAX DEPARTMENT

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DATE: July 14, 2020

TO: Scotland County Board of Commissioners

FROM: James Brown, Tax Assessor

SETTLEMENT FOR CURRENT YEAR TAXES JUNE 30, 2020

CHARGES TO TAX COLLECTOR

County/Fire Taxes	\$20,891,487
Solid Waste Availability Fee	1,048,772
Late Listing Penalties	23,325
Interest, Garnishment Fees	70,818
Real Estate Taxes, Motor Vehicle, Fees, Interest – All Cities	281,497

Total \$22,315,899

CREDITS TO TAX COLLECTOR

All Sums Deposited	\$21,097,417
Discounts Allowed	107,138
Releases – County/Fire	79,637
Accounts Receivable – 6-30-20	1,031,707

Total \$22,315,899

SETTLEMENT FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

June 30, 2020 (All Prior Years)

CHARGES TO TAX COLLECTOR

Delinquent Taxes – 6-30-19	\$3,228,062
Late Listing Penalties and Other Fees	18,863
Interest	114,909
Total	<u>\$3,361,834</u>

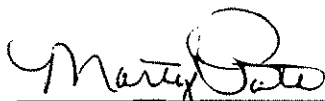
CREDITS TO TAX COLLECTOR

Sums Deposited	\$ 893,942
Releases	12,208
Releases due to acquisition of foreclosure properties	45,218
Write offs (Per Prop & MV 2000-2009)	79,012
Accounts Receivable – All Prior Years at 6-30-20	2,331,454
Total	<u>\$3,361,834</u>


In compliance with N.C.G.S. 105-373(a)(3) hereto is a report entitled “Settlement for Current Year Taxes” and “Settlement for Delinquent Taxes”, setting forth my full settlement for all taxes placed in my hands for collection for the fiscal year 2019-2020.

Further, I hereby certify that we have made diligent efforts to collect the taxes due in a manner that is reasonably necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



Marty Pate, Tax Collector



James Brown, Tax Assessor

Addendum to 2019 Tax SettlementMV Taxes Collected - Tag & Tax Together6/30/2020

Tax Revenue - County	\$ 2,440,493.77
Interest Revenue	\$ 21,693.59
Total Revenue	\$ 2,462,187.36
Less fees - CC & LPA fees	\$ 7,050.70
Net Revenue	\$ 2,455,136.66

Revenue - Fire	\$ 69,648.12
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Revenue - Cities	\$ 542,383.37
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Solid Waste Availability Fee2019

Fees billed	\$ 1,048,772.09
Collected	\$ 923,441.76
Accts Rec	\$ 125,330.33
% Collected	88.05%

All prior years SW fees collected	\$ 97,358.38
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Estimate of taxes paid on Zacchaeus AccountsIncludes tax, fire, interest and applicable cities

2019	\$ 34,931.53
2018	\$ 46,014.47
2017	\$ 53,879.32
2016	\$ 45,720.24
2015	\$ 20,575.35
2014	\$ 12,526.35
2013	\$ 6,797.72
2012	\$ 10,428.94
2011	\$ 4,368.51
2010	\$ 4,309.26
2009	\$ 2,711.25
2008	\$ 3,304.16
2007	\$ 2,675.34
2006	\$ 1,633.59
2005	\$ 1,447.24
2004	\$ 699.02

\$ 252,022.29	Total paid in 19-20
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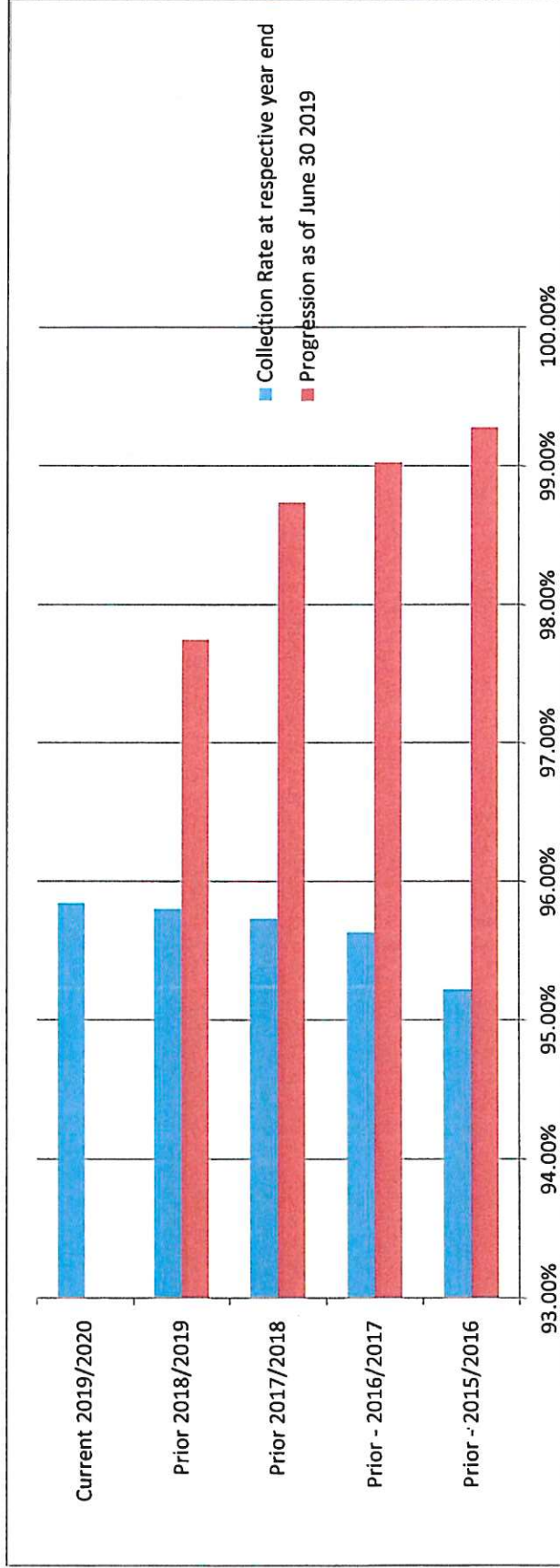
\$ 3,145,128.29	Est of tax pd since inception of program-Oct 2010
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Approximate amount collected through garnishments	\$ 221,284.32
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Approximate amount collected through debt set-off	\$ 22,555.03
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Summary - Collection rate progression as taxes age

...	Collection Rate at respective year end	Progression as of June 30 2019
Current 2019/2020	95.84%	
Prior 2018/2019	95.80%	97.75%
Prior 2017/2018	95.73%	98.74%
Prior - 2016/2017	95.63%	99.03%
Prior - 2015/2016	95.22%	99.28%



REAL ESTATE TAX ONLY

Current year		One year prior		Two years prior		Three years prior		Four years prior	
6/30/2020	2019 levy	6/30/2019	2018 levy	6/30/2018	2017 levy	6/30/2017	2016 levy	6/30/2016	2015 levy
uncollected	\$ 20,196,901.74	uncollected	\$ 19,901,305	uncollected	\$ 20,144,593	uncollected	\$ 19,845,855	uncollected	\$ 19,625,526
% Collected	840,492.78	% Collected	836,274	% Collected	859,196	% Collected	867,922	% Collected	938,027
	95.84%		95.80%		95.73%		95.63%		95.22%
		6/30/2020	Uncollected	6/30/2019	uncollected	6/30/2018	Uncollected	6/30/2017	Uncollected
			\$ 448,753.00		\$ 376,109		\$ 400,814		\$ 378,001
			97.75%		98.13%		97.98%		98.07%
				6/30/2020	uncollected	6/30/2019	Uncollected	6/30/2018	Uncollected
					\$ 253,355.00		\$ 243,347		\$ 236,048
					98.74%		98.77%		98.80%
				6/30/2020	uncollected	6/30/2019	uncollected	6/30/2018	Uncollected
					\$ 193,386.00		\$ 193,386.00		\$ 163,406
					99.03%		99.03%		99.17%
				6/30/2020	uncollected	6/30/2020	uncollected	6/30/2020	uncollected
					\$ 140,900.00		\$ 140,900.00		\$ 140,900.00
					99.28%		99.28%		99.28%

Summary - Collection rate progression as taxes age

6/30/2020	
Current Year	95.84%
1st Prior Year	97.75%
2nd Prior Year	98.74%
3rd Prior Year	99.03%
4th Prior Year	99.28%