

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF McDOWELL
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION – PUBLIC HEARING
DECEMBER 28, 2009**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in special session at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, December 28, 2009 in the Commissioners' Board Room, the usual place of meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to consider proposed economic development incentives for a local industry expansion as authorized under NCGS 158-7.1.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David N. Walker, Chairman; Barry E. McPeters, Vice-Chairman; Dean Buff; Michael Lavender; and Andrew K. Webb

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles R. Abernathy, County Manager; Carrie Padgett, Clerk to the Board; Theresa Strickland, (Video); and Mike Conley, Reporter for THE McDOWELL NEWS

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman David Walker called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone present. He declared the Board in public hearing concerning the proposed economic development incentives for a local industry expansion and asked Chuck Abernathy, as McDowell Economic Development Director, to give an introduction.

Mr. Abernathy advised the industry expansion involves the investment of \$4,100,000 in equipment and machinery and the creation six (6) new jobs at wages exceeding the average local wage. The proposed incentive is \$155,000 paid over five years. The County has determined that the value of such public benefit as calculated under NCGS 158-7.1 would be at least equal to the benefits provided.

Plant Manager David Sudzina spoke of their plans for expansion