

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED SESSION-FIRE COMMISSION – MAY 12, 2016**

**ASSEMBLY**

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in an Adjourned Session on Thursday, May 12, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., at McDowell Technical Community College, 54 College Drive, Marion, North Carolina.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

David N. Walker, Chair; Barry McPeters, Vice-Chair; Van "Randy" Hollifield; Matthew Crawford, and Tony Brown

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chief Brad Ledbetter, Chair of the Fire Commission, called the meeting to order, and asked each department to give an update of their department.

The following departments gave a brief update:

Ashford-North Cove Fire Department  
Crooked Creek Fire Department  
Dysartsville Fire Department  
Glenwood Fire Department  
Marion Fire Department  
Nebo Fire Department  
Old Fort Fire Department  
PG Fire Department  
Sugar Hill Fire Department  
Woodlawn Fire Department  
McDowell Rescue  
Emergency Management

Chair Walker stated the Commissioners had presented a proposal for potential fund growth for consideration to the Fire Commission. He then turned the meeting over to Chief Ledbetter to discuss the fire tax item.

Chief Ledbetter stated the county currently appropriates \$28,199 to each department at a .99 cent rate, suggested move was to 2.0 cents. Each department would receive percentage accordingly.

Discussion followed, after which the Fire Commission voted to accept the property tax based fire tax amount.

Each Commissioner voiced their appreciation for the work and collaboration of the departments. Vice Chair McPeters asked each department to encourage their junior fireman to do well in school. He also spoke on the success of the EMT program at the high school.

Discussion was held on the smoke detector program that a couple of the fire departments had conducted.

County Manager, Ashley Wooten also expressed his appreciation for all the work the departments do every day.

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DAVID N. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN

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CHERYL L. MITCHELL  
CLERK TO THE BOARD