STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF McDOWELL BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR SESSION – SEPTEMBER 13, 2010

# **ASSEMBLY**

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 13, 2010 in the Commissioners' Board Room, the usual place of meeting.

# **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

# THOSE ABSENT

David N. Walker, Chairman (on vacation)

## **OTHERS PRESENT**

Charles R. Abernathy, County Manager; Carrie Padgett, Clerk to the Board; Ashley Wooten, Assistant to the County Manager (Filming); and reporter Mike Conley, for THE McDOWELL NEWS.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

In the absence of Chairman David Walker, Vice-Chairman Barry McPeters called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Commissioner Webb, followed by the pledge of allegiance, led by Commissioner Buff.

# **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the July 12, 2010 regular session were presented for approval.

Upon motion by Commissioner Webb and a second by Commissioner Buff, the minutes of the July 12, 2010 regular session were unanimously approved as recorded.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With no additions/deletions necessary for the agenda, Commissioner Lavender made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

## GOVERNMENT CHANNEL OVERVIEW/RECOGNITION

On behalf of his son Jonathan Shuman, who is away in college, Mr. Mark Shuman accepted the Certificate of Appreciation from Chairman McPeters. Each member of the Board expressed his appreciation for Jonathan's work (and that of Theresa Strickland) in making needed improvements to the County Channel.

The County Manager thanked the Board for their recognition of staff (Theresa, Jonathan, and Ashley Wooten). The Board was given an overview of the programs being shown on the channel. Chairman McPeters expressed his appreciation for the great job staff has done to improve the channel for the public's viewing. Other members of the Board applauded them as well and thanked Mr. Abernathy for giving them the latitude to make improvements as needed. Mr. Abernathy noted the channel is accessible to 6,000 homes in the County.

# REQUEST CONCERNING WEAPON AND BADGE FOR RETIRING OFFICER

The County Manager advised Captain Victor Hollifield had retired from the Sheriff's Department and will be working for a private security firm overseas. Captain Hollifield had requested his badge and sidearm. Sheriff Greene was recommending that Captain Hollifield's request be honored, which is allowed through County policy with the approval of the Board of Commissioners. The sidearm is typically sold for \$1.00. Mr. Abernathy introduced a resolution for the Board's consideration in taking action.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb to approve the resolution authorizing the sale in reference to this request from County employee Victor Hollifield, now retired. Commissioner Lavender seconded the motion and, in discussion, said he appreciated Captain Hollifield's service and wished him well in his future endeavors, noting that it had been a privilege while at DSS to have worked with him. Mr. Abernathy said the comments about Vic Hollifield had been overwhelming—the quality, the integrity—everything about him.

When put to a vote, the motion carried unanimously and the resolution was adopted as follows:

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SALE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY

**WHEREAS**, the County of McDowell owns a certain item of personal property that has become surplus for its current needs; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute §20-187.2 permits the County to donate the badge worn by a Law Enforcement Officer upon their retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, North Carolina General Statute §20-187.2 permits the County to sell the service side arm to the retiring Law Enforcement Officer upon securing such permit

as required by G.S. 14-402 or without such permit the weapon have been rendered incapable of being fired.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of McDowell County that:

The Board of Commissioners authorizes the Sheriff to donate the badge and also authorizes the sale in the amount of \$1.00 of the following service side arm which has been declared surplus to Captain Victor Hollifield.

Sig Sauer P-220 Serial #G366196

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

# **2009-2010 TAX SETTLEMENT**

Phyllis Ryan, Tax Collector, was present to request the Board's approval of the tax settlement for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and acceptance of the insolvents list. Included was a listing of the unpaid real property, personal property, and registered motor vehicle taxes for 2009. To summarize her letter to the Board dated September 13, 2010, Mrs. Ryan pointed out the overall collection rate for 2009 county ad valorem taxes for the 2009-2010 fiscal year was 96% compared to 96.22% the previous year. This breaks out to a collection rate of 97.35% for real and personal property and 82.18% for registered motor vehicles. The last day of the fiscal year, June 30<sup>th</sup>, they had collected \$163,893.00. The delinquent tax collections for the 2009-2010 fiscal year totaled \$533,377.10 including interest, a decrease of \$80,332.96 from the last fiscal year.

The Tax Collector stated she was pleased with the collection rate this year considering the economy, although they have had to rely more heavily on forced collection procedures such as attachment and garnishment, foreclosure and filing of bankruptcy claims to accomplish this.

Mrs. Ryan advised she had tried to implement changes and programs to make the process of paying taxes more convenient for the taxpayers. Some of the changes are:

- 1) A "Dummy Terminal" made available in the mapping area to allow attorneys, Paralegals, realtors, and any individual to access tax information without having to wait in the tax collection line.
- 2) Contracted with Business Information Systems to develop a program whereby The tax rolls are placed on the internet. Tax payments can also be made from this online site.
- 3) Tax payments can now be made via debit and/or credit card, with payments

- being accepted at the tax office counter and online.
- 4) Through the use of Interactive Voice Response (IVR) Technology, payments can be made by calling a toll-free 877 number. This is an additional way to pay taxes by using debit and/or credit card.
- 5) Based on a resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners and effective May 18, 2010, the North Carolina General Assembly modified House Bill 1754 to add McDowell County. HB 1754 requires that the Register of Deeds not accept any deed transferring real property unless the County tax Collector certifies there are no delinquent taxes on the property in question.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the dedication and work of the Tax Collection employees, noting that they are always cordial and have smiling faces even though it is not an easy job. The County Manager pointed out the employees often gauge their success by how infrequently someone walks down the hall to see him. He said it is amazing the situations they get into and how well they manage to handle those situations on their own, seldom needing his assistance. Mr. Abernathy also expressed his appreciation for their kindness, their dedication, etc.

A brief discussion followed on the efforts made to encourage the public to pay taxes through partial payments, monthly or otherwise, and to be pro-active in regard to their tax notices. Various questions and situations were brought up to raise awareness of those efforts to make things easier for the public.

Commissioner Lavender made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Webb, to approve the tax settlement, including acceptance of the insolvents list. By a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

# REQUEST FROM TRAILS ASSOCIATION

First, in reference to the Roundhill Trail Section, Frank Dean advised the Trails Association would hold a grand opening in the parking lot at the Greenway on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.

Concerning the trail leading from the Greenway to Roundhill, Mr. Dean advised they had gotten a bid of \$17,600 from the contractor to gravel the road. The Trails Association will provide \$5,600, the Health Department will do \$2,000, and the Association was requesting that the Commissioners consider putting in the other \$10,000. They had already signed a letter of intent with the contractor.

A brief discussion followed.

The County Manager advised there was \$22,500 budgeted to be applied toward the PARTF grant match. Also, the Commissioners had said they would pay half of the survey for the other item on this, so there will be some expense. However, if they wanted to apply the funds already in the budget, it would not require an amendment. Further discussion followed

Commissioner Lavender made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Buff, to approve the allocation of \$10,000 from the fund referenced. With no further discussion, the motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A general discussion followed on what others who are involved in this project, or are simply interested in it from the general public, are doing to assist with this project.

Bill Hendley, another member of the Trails Association, pointed out that about a year ago the County assumed responsibility for Point Lookout Trail partnership with McDowell Trails Association, the Town of Old Fort, and the Forest Service. One problem they have encountered is the parking at the upper gate trail. They had been negotiating with Lifeway Ridgecrest and with the Franklin family to gain right of way to a parking area and a trail that would lead from there back to the gate and also one that would lead to the County line. The Buncombe County Trail Group will pick it up at the County line and continue with it on to Asheville. The area has been surveyed, with the Trails Association splitting the cost with the County. The next step is to have the County Attorney draw up the agreement and Lifeway Ridgecrest is ready to sign it. The Franklin family is interested in seeing the agreement and is most likely going to sign it as well.

Mr. Hendley advised that before they could apply for any grant funding, they must first have control of the right of way. Therefore, he asked that the County assume the right of way, pointing out that a Bicycle Race is scheduled for September 26<sup>th</sup> and they want to have the trail ready for this event. About 2,000 riders will be coming from Asheville, will make a stop in Marion, travel to Hickory the next day, and continue on to the coast. Mr. Hendley said work is needed along the shoulders of the Trail and a group is ready to do that work. Also, a landscaping business in Black Mountain has volunteered the labor to do all the landscaping along the Trail. The Forest Service has installed an interpretative bulletin board at Point Lookout and the Trails Association will decide what information will be placed on the board. Also being considered is placing a bicycle rack at Point Lookout.

In further discussion, Mr. Hendley pointed out the riders will stay at the YMCA overnight and plans are to provide bus transportation for them to restaurants and other places of interest while they are in the County. Coordination will be handled by the Trails Association, the YMCA and others.

A brief discussion followed.

Commissioner Lavender made a motion to accept the easement and right of way as discussed. Commissioner Buff seconded the motion which carried by a unanimous vote.

# **CONTRACT DOCUMENT FOR PARTF GRANT**

The County Manager advised the contract documents for the PARTF grant for the construction of two trails near the YMCA, the Senior Center and the Hospital had been received. The grant is in the amount of \$365,285 and must be matched locally with an equal amount. As previously discussed, the Corpening Foundation will provide half of the match, leaving \$182,642 that the County will provide. This arrangement had been confirmed at a meeting with the Corpening Foundation today. Mr. Abernathy advised the contract documents are due by the end of the month and there was some urgency in having them approved and submitted to the State.

Regarding the County's portion of match funding, he said there had been some thought of doing half this fiscal year and the other half in July next year. He pointed out that while he was not yet ready to recommend Isothermal to administer the grant, he was leaning toward them and would get more information to further address that later. As far as drafting the contract documents and overseeing the project, Mr. Abernathy indicated he would prefer staying with Withers and Ravenal. Concerning maintenance, Mr. Abernathy recommended a formal agreement with the YMCA to have maintenance on their property, with the Hospital helping out with their section, and the Health Department doing the same, using their resources to assist. The County would be involved in the capital items in the future.

Commissioner Lavender asked about taking half from this year and half from next year. Mr. Abernathy noted the clientele in this area in which there must be 400 employees involved, pointing out the clientele that will be using the trail makes this a very big involvement. Commissioner Webb expressed a concern with security, who will respond, etc., and suggested that this be included in the Utility Committee meeting to make sure that it is addressed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Webb, seconded by Commissioner Buff, to approve the contract and to approve Withers and Ravenal as the architectural company. By a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Buff addressed some of the efforts that have been put forth in the area of recreation, noting that he often hears comments that nothing is being done.

# REQUEST CONCERNING BURN BUILDING

On behalf of the McDowell County Fire Commission and the McDowell Fire and Rescue Association, Brad Ledbetter, Chairman of the McDowell Fire Commission, came before the Board to request assistance with the renovation costs of the two burn rooms at the burn building location on the Association training grounds. The total estimated cost of the project is \$82,500. He addressed the age of the buildings, their construction, and how expensive it is in making repairs. He advised they were looking at new technology and of changing to another construction.

Robert Kirkpatrick addressed the pricing, and passed out a proposal from Wisconsin with an estimated cost of \$42,085.00, including a quote for installation. He

pointed out they had already identified some money that could be used toward the project.

In further discussion, Mr. Ledbetter pointed out there had been other times in which they have had expenses but did not come before the Board for help, but rather had managed to meet those expenses on their own. The County Manager advised that an amendment could be prepared and brought back for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Lavender made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Webb, to approve the amount of \$50,000 as requested by the McDowell County Fire Commission and Fire and Rescue Association. By a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

# **BIDS ON EMS EQUIPMENT**

EMS Director William Kehler and Major Eugene Edwards, Operations and Training Officer, came before the Board to present bids on the heart monitors which were approved by the Board for purchase in this fiscal year. This item was carried forward from the previous meeting. Bids were readvertised and received as follows:

Bidder Name	Total Bid	Disposition
Southeastern Emergency Med.	\$117,499.69	Recommended bid
Bound Tree Medical	\$116,761.98	Did not meet specs due to no preventive maintenance quote
Bound Tree Medical	\$124,909.98	Highest bid

Major Edwards addressed the operation of the monitors, the advantages of being able to see all twelve angles of the heart at once, the fact they have a wider printer, etc. He advised bids were released to three companies, but only two of them responded properly.

The EMS Director noted the bid being recommended was to Southeastern Emergency Medical at a cost of \$117,499.69 with a five-year warranty and preventive maintenance. The request is for six monitors that will cover the four vehicles and two others.

The Finance Department had received three RFP's regarding the financing of heart monitors and associated equipment for Emergency Services. BB&T responded with the lowest rate of 2.11% and for a period of four (4) years-annual payments in arrears beginning September, 2011. Other responses were RBC Bank at 2.288% (Build American Bonds), and Sun Trust at 2.45%.

Staff was recommending that the bid of 2.11% from BB&T be accepted. A *RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS* was introduced for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Lavender made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Buff, to approve the request for six (6) monitors, to award the bid to Southeastern Emergency Medical, to approve the financing to BB&T as recommended, and to approve the *RESOLUTION APPROVING FINANCING TERMS*.

A brief discussion followed on the strategy of delaying payment.

The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

# **CONTRACT DOCUMENTS FOR EMS GRANT**

EMS Director William Kehler addressed the contract document for the EMS grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services totaling \$5,000 to enhance disaster medical supplies and equipment, with no matching funds required. He explained that efforts are continually being made to enhance their capability to respond quickly and efficiently to a mass casualty incident.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lavender, seconded by Commissioner Webb, to accept the grant and to authorize staff to sign off on any related documents. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

# **GRANT UPDATES ON VARIOUS ITEMS**

The County Manager provided an update on various grants currently being processed:

State Energy Program Renewable Energy Project (Solar Project) – This grant is in the amount of \$66,749 to be used to assist with the installation of solar panels on the Law Enforcement Center and the Senior Center. Action regarding this grant was to authorize the contract amendment.

State Energy Program Energy Efficiency Block Grant (Replacement of light fixtures) – This grant is in the amount of \$59,279 with approximately half going to the City of Marion and the remainder to be used by the County. The Board had previously taken action on this item and the project will be advertised for bids with work starting in October.

Harmony Grove Road Water Line Grants – The estimate to construct the next section of line is \$304,440. The County has received \$152,220 in Rural Center money. Staff has requested permission to use \$143,659.56 in remaining STAG grant money to complete the project. The Board had approved proceeding with both grants and staff is waiting for bid authorization.

STAG Grant for Nebo Water Project – The grant is in the amount of \$485,000 to be used for the initiation of the Lake James Water Filtration Plant. Mr. Abernathy said he needed to know whether it is applied to property or something else. Staff is in the process of acquiring contract documents and directions on how to proceed.

Dollar Zone CDBG Loan – Mr. Abernathy said he had been told the County will receive funding from CDBG for the Dollar Zone in the approximate amount of \$150,000 but notice of this had not been received.

Rain Garden grant – An extension was requested and granted for the construction of the rain garden at MTCC. This project will be completed by December, 2010.

Concerning the Solar Panel Energy Project contract, Commissioner Lavender made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Webb, to authorize the contract amendment, and to endorse the Catawba Falls Trail Grant The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

# RESOLUTION REGARDING YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

The County Manager introduced the Resolution regarding the Youth Advisory Council (LINC Program), noting the meeting he had with Juanita Doggett and Ben Talbert of the School System and what this involves.

Commissioner Webb made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lavender, to approve the joint resolution to establish a Youth Advisory Council. By a unanimous vote, the motion passed and the resolution was adopted as follows:

# JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE MARION CITY COUNCIL, THE McDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE McDOWELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**WHEREAS**, the McDowell Chamber of Commerce established the Leadership Involvement Networking Community (LINC) program to facilitate the development of leadership in McDowell County; and

**WHEREAS**, one of the first recommendations of the LINC participants was to expand the program to include a leadership component; and

**WHEREAS**, the first "Junior LINC" class met in the summer of 2010 and included over ten High School participants that gained tremendous insight and experience into the various operations of the business, government, educational and non-profit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Marion City Council, the Board of Education and the McDowell County Board of Commissioners recognize the need to establish a Youth Advisory

Council to advise and participate in various public policy decisions that are made each year affecting young citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE BIT IT RESOLVED**, that the Marion City Council, the McDowell County Board of Education and the McDowell County Board of Commissioners hereby designate the "Junior LINC" participants as the McDowell Youth Advisory Board and agree to involve this entity in various public policy questions that arise each year affecting the young people of this community.

**ADOPTED**, this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

### UPDATE ON GOLDEN LEAF GRANT PROCESS

The County Manager stated the County will be receiving \$2 million on an issue in which the community gets to identify an area. The status of this is that Golden Leaf is going to use cohorts of counties. McDowell County is in the next cohort that will be undertaken and we will be with Mitchell, Jones and Wilson counties (he thought). The current cohort will finish around November. It will be a six-month process and it is an open process with citizen involvement that will come to fruition next May or June.

# MAPLE LEAF BALLFIELD UPDATE

Concerning the need, the condition, etc. of the Maple Leaf Ballfield Complex that have been raised, the County Manager pointed out the restrooms are under-sized and inadequate for the number of people using them, a non-debatable fact. He stated he wanted to lay out some options, and to contract with an architect and. Based on his ability to assist in the past, Mr. Abernathy said he would recommend Chuck Hamrick to provide the options.

Mr. Abernathy pointed out that Commissioner Webb had mentioned a drainage problem, and said efforts have already started to get the problem corrected, noting a mulch area that should be in grass at the entrance. He pointed out the Maintenance Department is one person short and that assistance had been sought through Man Power. Someone was secured to work for a week and a half.

Continuing, Mr. Abernathy said a "No Smoking" sign had been posted and people are complying. He also advised that Commissioner Walker had brought up the need for a change in the way of collecting garbage on site. Mr. Abernathy noted efforts that are underway to address this. He said the Concession Stand would be painted and work would be done in the dug-out area.

Commissioner Lavender mentioned a couple of items that needed to be checked out.

Mr. Abernathy pointed out, if the Board would allow, that he could have something back from Chuck Hamrick regarding recommended options.

In general discussion, Commissioner Webb said he appreciated the follow-up and work that had been done to make improvements.

# BANNING ALCOHOL ON COUNTY PROPERTY ORDINANCE

The County Manager presented an ordinance or local law that would ban possession or consumption of alcohol on County property. He said this was interesting because it had never been an issue before but the issue now is that there had been some issues with alcohol and unruly behavior on the property that the County owns in Pleasant Gardens. Mr. Abernathy pointed out the Sheriff's Department, Emergency Management Director Terry Young, Interim Recreation Director Sue Huskins, himself and his Assistant had been discussing and researching this matter. He said since there are several ways to get into the Park, he would suggest putting up signs, limiting the use to daylight hours, and banning the possession and use of alcohol. He advised the justification for the ordinance is state law, the County Attorney had reviewed it, and it will be a misdemeanor to consume or possess intoxicating beverages on County property.

Commissioner Webb asked if in enacting an ordinance was there any public hearing process, a waiting period, a first reading, or could the Board take action? Mr. Abernathy advised that with some ordinances a public hearing is necessary, but not with this one.

Further general discussion followed.

Chairman McPeters asked if there would be any public comment on the proposed ordinance. No one responded.

Commissioner Lavender made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Webb, to approve the ordinance entitled *AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONSUMPTION AND POSSESSION OF INTOXICATING BEVERAGES IN COUNTY OWNED BUILDINGS, COUNTY OWNED RECREATION FACILITIES, AND COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY.* In further discussion, Commissioner Lavender said he felt the Board needed to be clear as they approve the Ordinance the ramifications at things like weddings, reunions, etc. at rented facilities. Mr. Abernathy said it would be entirely appropriate to say that there would be nothing of this nature taking place in any public facility.

Up a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

# **LEASE ON PROBATION BUILDING**

The County Manager reported that the Probation Offices had moved in on State Street, and that he had received the Lease Agreement from the State and the proposal that will govern the building and the occupancy by the Probation Office. He pointed out the County is providing the space and will be providing the maintenance without any compensation, etc.

A motion was made by Commissioner Buff and seconded by Commissioner Webb to approve the Lease Agreement for the Probation Offices as presented. By a unanimous vote the motion carried

# **BOARD APPOINTMENTS**

At Chairman Walker's request, the Clerk to the Board presented board/committee vacancies at this time. They included two vacancies for the Library and as is the usual case, outstanding vacancies for the Adult Care Community Advisory Committee. The vacancies were presented on first reading.

# TAX AND WATER SYSTEM RELEASES AND REFUNDS

The usual listing of tax and water system releases and tax refunds were presented for the Board's consideration. In summary the tax releases/refunds were:

Releases Under \$100.00 Released amount of \$1,032.62

Releases Over \$100.00 Released amount of \$17,868.59

Motor Vehicle Releases Under \$100.00 Released amount of \$327.56

Motor Vehicle Releases Over \$100.00 Released amount of \$304.52

Release Refunds Refund amount of \$2,960.71

There were three adjustment requests associated with the Nebo Water System, for an estimated total of \$209.00.

In a review of the tax releases/refunds, Commissioner Webb had a question about two listings involving a "commons area" for which a release was requested. The County Manager advised he would have the Tax Assessor to prepare a memo with an explanation regarding this.

Commissioner Webb made a motion to approve the requested tax releases and refunds with the exception of the two items in question and the water system releases as presented. Commissioner Lavender seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

### <u>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE/UPDATE</u>

Commissioner Webb had requested that this item be placed on the agenda to acknowledge the hiring that is taking place by our existing companies. He addressed this by pointing out the impact to the County's unemployment rate by going from textile to public service and said the Board needed to thank the County's business people and the citizens for assisting in this effort.

The County Manager pointed out the unemployment rate had gone from just under 16 down to 11.5 (July, 2010) and mentioned the eight-tenths drop in one month (June was shown at 12.3). He noted that Ethan Allen will add 90 people, Spectrum had already added 10 people, Morganton Pressure Vessels that is in the Cobia building will add 10 making them go to 102, and Edwards Wood Products are in the process of adding 20 people.

Commissioner Webb mentioned the people who are taking a risk in going into business, expanding, etc.

# RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING OLD DSS COMPUTERS

The County Manager introduced a Resolution authorizing the transfer of 40 old computers from DSS to the School System. The computers are no longer of value and would be used by the elementary schools.

Commissioner Lavender made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Webb, to approve the resolution as presented. By a unanimous vote, the motion carried and the resolution was adopted as follows:

# RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING DONATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

**WHEREAS**, the County of McDowell desires to donate personal property to the McDowell County School System; and

**WHEREAS**, G.S. 160A-279 permits the Board of Commissioners to donate personal property to non-profit organizations that carry out a public purpose; and

**WHEREAS**, records of all donated property will be maintained by the County; and

**WHEREAS**, all donated personal property will be returned to the County of McDowell if the Agency receiving the item ceases to continue to use for public purpose.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of McDowell County that:

The County of McDowell desires to donate (40) used CPU's and (10) used monitors.

This resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**ADOPTED** this the 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2010.

# REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The County Manager reviewed the various upcoming events including:

- Randy Hollifield's video showing the veterans trip to Washington, DC, to be shown at the Senior Center at 4:00 p.m. on September 14<sup>th</sup>
- Closing of the Marion Public Library the week of October 18-23 for carpet and roof repairs
- The NJROTC Inspection at the High School at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>
- Board's regular meeting for October to be held at Historic Carson House beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- Annual Employee Christmas Party on December 9<sup>th</sup> at the Senior Center
- May 11<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> are the dates for displaying the Traveling Memorial

Commissioner Buff noted the special recognition service to be held at Nebo First Baptist Church on Sunday, September 19, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. to honor the County organization and those "keeping our communities safe and healthy places to live". Sheriff Dudley Greene will be the speaker.

### **CITIZEN COMMENT**

No citizens had signed up to speak; therefore, no comments from citizens were heard at this time.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to transact at this time, upon motion by Commissioner Lavender and a second by Commissioner Webb, the meeting was adjourned.

BARRY E. McPETERS, CHAIRMAN	CARRIE PADGETT
	CLERK TO THE BOARD