

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RECESSED SESSION – FEBRUARY 24, 2020**

**Assembly**

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Recessed Session on Monday, February 24, 2020, at 11:30a.m., in the Commissioner's Board Room.

**Members Present**

David N. Walker, Chair; Lynn Greene; Brenda Vaughn

**Members Absent**

Tony Brown, Vice-Chair; Barry McPeters

**Others Present**

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board; Alison Bell, Finance Director

**Tax Revaluation Update**

Mr. Tim Cain, Revaluation Director, gave an update on the revaluation process. He noted of the 32,000 parcels, 80% would be getting a correction notice in January 2021 due to observed conditions that are not reflected on the property record cards. A total revaluation of every property has not been done in 30 years.

Mr. Cain stated he had discovered approximately 20 new houses that had never been listed. The homes were between two and five years old. When asked how this had happened Ms. Wylie noted the building permits were hand delivered and a previous employee had put the permits aside to enter into the system whenever there was time allowed.

Mr. Cain will have six people in the field assessing approximately 8,000 parcels beginning March 1st, and will be finished by the end of the year. Ms. Wylie noted any new homes or businesses discovered will be entered for billing this year.

Chairman Walker added every county department is understaffed, and staff could look at the possibility of hiring part time employees.

**Budget Process Overview**

Mr. Wooten and Ms. Bell had talked with the Local Government Commission (LGC) this morning regarding the EMS project bids. In June or July staff will discuss with LGC financing the EMS project, and staff anticipates a payment of \$700,000 for the debt payment.

Mr. Wooten gave an overview of large budget items the Commissioners had approved for the upcoming budget year, and additional staff request from different departments.

Discussion followed on anticipated budget requests.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to adjourn at 12:39pm, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By a vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

Attest:

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David Walker  
Chair

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Cheryl L. Mitchell  
Clerk to the Board