

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
ADJOURNED SESSION – APRIL 20, 2015**

**ASSEMBLY**

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in adjourned session on Monday, April 20, 2015, at 11:30 a.m., Commission Board Room of the County Administration Building, 60 East Court Street, Marion, North Carolina.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tony Brown; Matthew Crawford; and Van “Randy” Hollfield.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Charles R. Abernathy, County Manager; Ashley Wooten, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Terry DePoyster, Maintenance Director; and Alison Morgan, Finance Officer.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Hollifield called the meeting to order.

**ORDINANCE BOOK DISCUSSION**

The County Manager presented the current list of ordinances. He mentioned that some localities have put their ordinances into a code format instead of just a list by adoption date. Mr. Abernathy suggested organizing the ordinances into categories in order to make the ordinances easier to find and to understand.

Mr. Abernathy reviewed the proposed categories including Planning and Land Use, Health and Sanitation, and General Government. He also mentioned that several ordinances are inactive or expired (such as moratoriums).

A general discussion of the benefits of the organization followed. Commissioners Hollifield and Brown both stated that it looked like an excellent improvement over the current situation.

**PROPERTY OVERVIEW**

The County Manager presented a draft document that he and Mr. DePoyster had prepared that lists the county’s building inventory and future needs.

Mr. Abernathy reviewed several of the facilities and the needs that each facility. He suggested that several of the larger items have more of a focus such as the courthouse, EMS base station replacement, etc. He also suggested that future editions of the document would be more polished and would likely include photos and more detailed information.

**FEE SCHEDULE REVENUE**

The County Manager presented a list of the proposed fee schedule for the upcoming budget year. He indicated that there would be several fees that would be recommended for increases. He asked the Board members to review the proposals and bring back any suggestions to staff.

**REVENUE PACKET**

The County Manager also presented a revenue estimate for the upcoming year. He reviewed several of the major revenue items including sales tax and property tax. Mr. Abernathy estimated that the revenues will have small growth for next budget year. He did highlight several items of concern such as the flat-lining of the sales and property tax and the continued budgeting of a fund balance appropriation.

Mr. Abernathy also discussed several large impact expenditures items that would possibly be in the next year's budget including Crooked Creek Convenience Center improvements, the water line to the Nebo interchange, and the PARTF trail grant match.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to transact at this time, upon motion by Commissioner Crawford and a second by Commissioner Brown, the meeting was adjourned to May 4, 2015 at 11:30 for the purpose of receiving the budget presentation.

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VAN "RANDY" HOLLIFIELD  
COMMISSIONER

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ASHLEY R. WOOTEN  
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD