

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION – AUGUST 10, 2018**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Friday, August 10, 2018, at 12 Noon, at the MTCC Campus Dogwood Building #17.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David N. Walker, Chair; Barry McPeters, Vice-Chair; Tony Brown; Lynn Greene; and Brenda Vaughn

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board; Terry DePoyster, Facility Maintenance Director; Lisa Sprouse, DSS Director

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walker called the meeting to order.

Water System and Facility Updates/Approvals

Terry DePoyster noted the anticipated completion date of the Stacy Hill Road Water Project was December 1, 2018. In the past, the Board had waived connection fees (minus the account deposit) for six months after the completion of the line.

Mr. Wooten noted the master meter would need to be moved closer to the intersection of Stacy Hill Road. The best site is outside of the state right of way on private property. The property owner has asked for compensation since the meter is large and city and county staff vehicles would be parking on the site for testing every day. The property owner is on City water, and has asked \$6,000 for the easement. There are project funds available for the easement purchase.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to purchase the easement, second by Commissioner Brown. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to waive connection fees, second by Commissioner Greene. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. DePoyster received notification from State of NC Water Resources that the 2017 Local Water Supply Plan was complete. He requested approval of the *Resolution for Local Water Supply Plan 2018*.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the *Resolution for Approving Local Water Supply Plan 2018*, second by Commissioner Greene. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. DePoyster received notification from State of NC Water Resources that the 2017 Water Shortage Response Plan was complete. He requested approval of the *Resolution for Water Shortage Response Plan 2018*.

Vice Chair McPeters made a motion to approve the *Resolution for Approving Water Shortage Response Plan 2018*, second by Commissioner Greene. By unanimous vote, the motion carried,

Courthouse Construction Update

Demolition of 1P and 2P level has been completed. The 2P level is now ready for concrete slab on grade. The courthouse telephone and emergency power circuits are being relocated. The basement steel has been placed and ready for concrete, and the plumbing and floor drains are completed. Repairs are also being made to the 1P canopy.

Greenway Trail Repairs Update

The drain and ditch pipe have been completed, and grass has been sowed. The working crews are waiting for dry weather to pour the concrete. The Board suggested notifying the press when the greenway was ready to be reopened.

Spaulding Offices Renovations

The renovation contract was awarded to England Builders, and the carpet was being installed. The furniture is scheduled to arrive within a month. Mr. DePoyster had met with a moving company for the move of the Finance, HR, County Manager, and Clerk's office to the Spaulding road offices. The move would take place on a Friday afternoon and the departments would open for operation on the following Monday morning.

Commissioner Brown noted the new Public Defender offices must have space for approximately eight staff members. Also have to provide more space for the Probation offices, and Guardian Ad Litem office. All are unfunded mandates from the State.

Chairman Walker asked for a list of the departments moving into the vacated offices in the Admin building.

West Fort Street Renovations

A RFP has been prepared and ready to send for repairs to roof, around front doors, and front counter. A heat sensor, smoke, burglary, and security alarm will be installed as one system. Plans are to make the move over a weekend once the space has been renovated. The back area will remain unused for future needs by the county.

Woodlawn Rest Area Water and Restrooms

The rest area is maintained by the county. The well has been replaced and now the water line has failed. The well is repairable, and non-potable water can be utilized. The county

has a lease with the US Forest Service for the rest area and there are 2 ½ years left on the lease. Mr. Wooten had spoken with Mr. Larson about repairs and he advised there were no funds available to help with the repairs. Mr. DePoyster estimated \$5,000 would cover the repairs. The Commissioners had received numerous calls over the years from the public requesting the rest area to be repaired and remain open.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to have the repairs made, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to get quotes on installing a security system to deter vandalism, second by Commissioner Greene. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Charters of Freedom Display

The settings have been marked off on the courthouse lawn for the Charters of Freedom documents. The documents will go to the left of the Veterans Monument on the lawn. The sidewalk entrance from Main Street will be made ADA complaint. A sample brick has been ordered to confirm its compatibility with the courthouse.

Mr. DePoyster met with the City since they trim and light the tree on behalf of the Pilot Club. It was noted that maintenance of the tree will be difficult once the documents are in place. The suggestion was to remove the existing tree and replace with a smaller tree. Commissioner Greene asked if there had been communication with the Pilot Club regarding the tree. Mr. DePoyster indicated that he had spoken with Karin Conley about trimming the tree. Several commissioners expressed a strong desire to see the current tree removed, but replaced in a location to be determined so that the Pilot Club tradition could continue. Chairman Walker asked Mr. Wooten to contact the City Manager so the topic could be addressed at the next Utility Committee meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Chair Walker called for a closed session to discuss a personnel matter as permitted by NCGS 143-318 (a)(6).

Commissioner Brown made a motion to go into closed session, second by Commissioner Greene. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Vice Chair McPeters made a motion to go out of closed session, second by Commissioner Greene. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

There was no action taken by the Board.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to adjourn to August 20th, second by Vice Chair McPeters. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned.

DAVID N. WALKER
CHAIRMAN

CHERYL L. MITCHELL
CLERK TO THE BOARD