

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION – AUGUST 19, 2019**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Adjourned Session on Monday, August 19, 2019, at 11:30a.m. in the Commissioner's Board Room, located at 60 East Court Street, Marion, North Carolina.

Members Present

Tony Brown, Vice-Chair; Lynn Greene; Brenda Vaughn

Members Absent

David N. Walker, Chair; Barry McPeters

Others Present

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

Economic Development Public Hearing

Vice Chair Brown called the meeting to order and declared the Board in Public Hearing as authorized by NCGS 158-7.1 for economic development activity.

Mr. Chuck Abernathy, MEDA Director, requested an incentive of \$159,000 for a company making a capitol investment of \$1,290,000 in machinery, and the employment of 53 people within the first three years. The proposed wages paid by the company will exceed the county average. The company has also received a performance based grant, One NC from the NC Department of Commerce in the amount of \$200,000. The grant and incentive is contingent upon the conditions being met before receiving funds.

Vice Chair Brown noted there was no one present to comment.

There being no comments, Commissioner Greene made a motion to go out of public hearing, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By a vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the incentive of \$159,000, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By a vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

Administrative Items

Mr. Wooten presented an unsolicited offer from BRT Group, LLC to lease property at the Sandy Andrews Park for a cell tower. A copy of the proposed lease is in the agenda packet. Mr. Wooten proposed the following changes to the lease offer:

*Offer was for 50 years for \$800 - The maximum lease is 25 years or it would be treated as a sale

*Offer had no opportunities for annual lease adjustments - Recommend a 2.5% annual adjustment

*Offer had no fee assessed for subleases - proposed 30% of net revenue from any sublets.

*Offer to lease at \$1,000 a month - proposed \$1,500 a month lease

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve Mr. Wooten to negotiate a lease with the company, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By a vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

Budget Amendments

GF1 – Appropriates anticipated sales tax reimbursement

GF2 – appropriates grant revenue for Teen Court

SP1 – Amends the School Project Fund for Old Fort Elementary

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve all amendments, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By a vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

Proclamation for Overdose Awareness Day

Mr. Wooten presented a request for approval to proclaim August 31st as Overdose Awareness Day.

PROCLAMATION AUGUST 31, 2019 AS OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

WHEREAS, *the International Overdose Awareness Day is recognized around the world as a day to acknowledge individual loss and family grief for people who have suffered an overdose; and*

WHEREAS, *Overdose Awareness Day recognizes overdoses from all drugs, because it reflects the reality of the overdose epidemic, allowing everyone to speak and educate more broadly about the issues; and*

WHEREAS, *Overdose Awareness Day hopes to publicly challenge the stigma associated with drug use and overdose; and*

WHEREAS, *Overdose Awareness Day provides an opportunity for people to publicly mourn for loved ones, some for the first time without feeling guilt or shame.*

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED *that the McDowell County Board of Commissioners do hereby proclaim August 31, 2019 as Overdose Awareness Day and encourage members of the community to support those affected by the overdose epidemic.
Adopted this 19th day of August, 2019.*

Tony G. Brown, Vice Chair

Cheryl L. Mitchell, Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the *Proclamation August 31, 2019 as Overdose Awareness Day*, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By a vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

Adjourn

Commissioner Greene made a motion to recess to the DSS boardroom, second by Commissioner Vaughn. Meeting was recessed at 11:48am.

Attest:

Tony Brown
Vice Chairman

Cheryl L. Mitchell
Clerk to the Board