

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED SESSION – DECEMBER 20, 2017**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in called session on Wednesday, December 20, 2017, at 11:30a.m., at the County Administration Building, 60 E Court Street, Marion, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board; Terry DePoyster, Facility Maintenance Director; Chuck Hamrick, Holland & Hamrick Engineering Firm

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walker called the meeting to order at 11:05 and asked Mr. Wooten to proceed.

REVIEW OF COURTHOUSE PROJECT

Mr. Wooten reviewed estimates of the courthouse renovation and additions. The estimates were divided into base bid regular hours work, \$3,665,250 to \$4,731,750 vs base bid after hours work, \$4,764,825 to \$6,151,275.

Mr. Wooten then reviewed the estimates of options of work that had been discussed to address while the renovations were being completed. The base options were regular hours, \$1,439,750 to \$1,708,250 vs base options bid after hours work, \$1,871,675 to \$2,220,725.

Mr. DePoyster reviewed the estimates of the parking deck repairs. Discussion followed.

Commissioner Greene noted he was opposed to spending this much money on the existing courthouse building, but he would support the majority vote of the project. Chair Walker added the decision to renovate the courthouse was made prior to Commissioner Greene joining the Board.

Mr. Wooten reviewed what was not covered in the estimates, such as; relocating Register of Deeds, EMS, the D.A.'s office and Probation office.

Mr. Wooten also presented a "Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse". Chair Walker noted the Board had previously voted to take funds for the windows and HVAC out of fund balance. Therefore, those figures would not be part of the loan.

Chair Walker added there was a priority to get the District Attorney's office out of an unsecure area and moved to a secure area. In order for that to be accomplished, two offices would have to be relocated.

Commissioner Crawford made a motion to approve the "County of McDowell, North Carolina Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse resolution, second by Commissioner Brown.

For-- Commissioner Brown, Chair Walker, Vice-Chair McPeters, Commissioner
Crawford

Against – Commissioner Greene

Motion carried.

Mr. Hamrick noted the call for estimates would go out with alternates. Bids are scheduled to be opened on February 21, 2017 at 2:30pm.

Vice Chair McPeters made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Brown. By unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 12:28pm.

DAVID N. WALKER
CHAIRMAN

CHERYL L. MITCHELL
CLERK TO THE BOARD