

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
DSS REGULAR SESSION – FEBRUARY 17, 2020**

**Assembly**

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session with the DSS on Monday, February 17, 2020, at 11:30a.m., at the Department of Social Services (DSS), 145 E Court Street, Marion, North Carolina.

**Members Present**

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

**Members Absent**

Tony Brown, Vice-Chair; Barry McPeters

**Others Present**

Ronald Harmon, Deputy County Manager; Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board; Debbie Williams, Administrative Asst.

**Agency Update**

Ms. Williams gave the following update on the department:

- windows and blinds have been installed
- conference room has been cleaned and several items discarded
- the data sheets were distributed for information

**Recipient, Eligibility, Determination, Audit (READA)**

Krystina Arrowood presented entering into the Recipient, Eligibility, Determination, Audit (READA) Economic Services presentation. The Audit plan identifies clients approved or declined for Medicaid coverage.

In order to complete the audit State DSS will pull 20 cases from each county, 10 cases where the client was determined eligible, and 10 cases where the client was determined ineligible. Any client that had been approved and state determines that it was incorrect; the county would have to reimburse Medicaid of any monies paid out.

One-third of the counties in the state were audited last year; McDowell is part of the one-third of the state that will be audited this year; and the final one-third will be audited in 2021. And then the process will start over.

McDowell DSS receives 1500 applications or recertification request per month and 20 cases are pulled for quality control.

**Questions, Answers and Suggestions**

Discussion was held on having an assistant in various county departments.

Discussion was held on a case discussed last month.

**School Cell Tower Resolution**

Mr. Harmon presented the *Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners for McDowell County, Declining to Obtain Certain School Property and Approving the Extension of a Lease Thereto* for approval.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR MCDOWELL COUNTY, DECLINING TO OBTAIN CERTAIN SCHOOL PROPERTY AND APPROVING THE EXTENSION OF A LEASE THERETO**

**WHEREAS**, as shown on a memorandum of lease dated December 17, 1999 and recorded in Deed Book 607, page 846 of the McDowell County Registry, the McDowell County Board of Education (the "Board") leased a portion of the McDowell High School property, consisting of approximately 0.22 acres along with an easement for access, to SBA Towers, Inc. for purposes of locating, operating, and maintaining a wireless telecommunication tower;

**WHEREAS**, by instrument dated March 13, 2001 and recorded in Deed Book 643, page 993 of the McDowell County Registry, SBA Towers, Inc. assigned its interest in the lease to SBA Sites, Inc.;

**WHEREAS**, by deed dated April 22, 2013 and recorded in Deed Book 1099, page 127 of the McDowell County Registry, the Board conveyed the McDowell High School property to the County of McDowell (the "County") for purposes of constructing additions, improvements, and renovations, which conveyance was specifically made subject to the lease described above;

**WHEREAS**, SBA Sites, Inc. has expressed an interest in renewing the terms of the lease and extending it by five successive periods of five years each; and

**WHEREAS**, the McDowell County Board of Education has offered the Property to the County pursuant to G.S. §115C-518 as a precondition of the effectiveness of the lease extension, and further requested the County to approve the extension of the lease for a period of up to 25 years, pursuant to G.S. § 160A-272.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the Board of County Commissioners for McDowell County hereby resolves as follows:

**Section 1.** The County hereby rejects the leased property pursuant to G.S. § 115C-518, and consents to the Board's approval of the extension of the lease terms.

**Section 2.** The County Manager is hereby authorized to take such actions as he shall deem necessary to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its approval.

**READ AND APPROVED**, this the 17th day of February, 2020.

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Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board

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David Walker, Board Chair

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

**Recess**

Commissioner Greene made a motion to recess at 12:08 pm to February 24<sup>th</sup>, at 11:30am in the Commissioner's Board Room, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By a vote of 3-0 the motion passed.

Attest:

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Cheryl L. Mitchell  
Clerk to the Board

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David Walker  
Chairman