

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL SESSION – FEBRUARY 24, 2017**

**ASSEMBLY**

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Friday, February 24, 2017, at 4:00 pm, in the Commissioners Board Room, 60 East Court Street, Marion, North Carolina.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Ashley Wooten, County Manager, Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board; Fred Coats, County Attorney; Alison Bell, Finance Officer

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Walker called the meeting to order to discuss a matter in closed session as permitted by NCGS 143-318.11(5). Discussion would be for the acquisition of the old RockTenn building.

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

Commissioner Brown joined the meeting at 4:03 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Discussion was held on the following:

Chair Walker stated that he had toured the old RockTenn building and felt that it would allow for a consolidation of county services, in the process freeing up space in the current buildings for other uses. He indicated the seller had given a price of \$750,000 for the property, noting that the seller would prefer to keep the small building located across Burgin Street from the main building. Several commissioners commented on the central location, available parking, and the consolidation of services being good reasons for the purchase of the property.

Mr. Wooten suggested that if the Board wanted to pursue the purchase that adequate time be allowed for due diligence on the building. He noted that when the county purchased the Universal property a Phase I and Phase II environmental were required.

Mr. Coats suggested a 60 day option for due diligence and recommended an earnest payment of up to \$10,000.

Vice Chair McPeters made a motion to go out of Closed Session, second by Commissioner Crawford. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

After closed session, Chair Walker called the meeting back in regular session.

Commissioner Crawford made a motion for the county to go under contract to purchase the old RockTenn Building owned by Gurley Storage for the price of \$750,000. Commissioner Crawford amended his motion to include the staff will have authority to negotiate terms of the option, second by Commissioner Greene. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to transact at this time, the meeting was adjourned to Monday, February 27, 2017 at 11:30 for a DSS presentation.

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DAVID N. WALKER  
CHAIRMAN

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CHERYL L. MITCHELL  
CLERK TO THE BOARD