

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DSS REGULAR SESSION – JANUARY 27, 2020**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session with the DSS on Monday, January 27, 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

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board; Lisa Sprouse, Director of Social Services

Agency Update

Ms. Sprouse gave the following update on her department:

- supervisors are still meeting biweekly
- cleaning up offices--getting rid of broken desk, outdated equipment, etc.
- agency reports were reviewed and discussed

Budget Preparations and Agency Needs

Ms. Sprouse noted the agency would need to continue upgrading computer equipment. Also, she would be requesting one child welfare supervisor in the upcoming budget, due to the workload in foster care.

Building Update

Terry DePoyster, Public Services Director, has asked for an estimate from Carolina Interiors for blinds for the conference room. He is waiting for estimates for the other renovations. Ms. Sprouse requested if the company that was awarded the work could work during operating hours in order to speed the project up.

Chair Walker asked Mr. Wooten to get an update on the key fobs, and when they would be ready. He will share the response with Ms. Sprouse and the Board.

Ms. Sprouse added parking issues have improved since the parking lines had been repainted in the parking lot.

Questions, Answers and Suggestions

Chair Walker spoke highly of the Foster Care supervisors and the great job they do of adding foster families.

Commissioner Greene asked for the procedure when an employee is off work and an issue came up about an active case. Ms. Sprouse said the supervisor would get another employee to handle the case, or take care of the issue themselves. Ms. Sprouse added if it's the day off for an employee, and their required work had not been submitted they must come in to complete the work.

Budget Ordinance

Mr. Wooten presented the Universal Industrial Park Project Budget Ordinance for approval.

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

Adjourn

Commissioner Greene made a motion to adjourn at 12:30 pm, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By a vote of 3-0 the motion passed. The Board adjourned to review the work done in the building.

Attest:

Cheryl L. Mitchell
Clerk to the Board

David Walker
Chairman