

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DSS REGULAR SESSION – JULY 15, 2019**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in DSS Regular Session on Monday, July 15, 2019, at 11:30a.m., at the Department of Social Services, 145 E Court Street, Marion, North Carolina.

Members Present

David N. Walker, Chair; Tony Brown, Vice-Chair; Lynn Greene; Brenda Vaughn

Members Absent

Barry McPeters

Others Present

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

Child Support 101

Janet Hardin, Child Support Enforcement (CSE) Supervisor, presented an overview of the department's responsibilities. A copy of the PowerPoint presentation and NC Child Support Handbook is with the agenda materials. Services offered by the CSE program include: location of the non-custodial parent; establishment of paternity; establishment of support order; collection/distribution of support payments; enforcement of support obligations.

The trend for CSE collections have been going up over the last year. It has become increasingly harder to get collections due to several working "under the table" without being traceable.

Building Safety

Ms. Sprouse reported there were lights on the poles to light up the parking lot now, and Mr. DePoyster is obtaining a quote on new steel doors and key fobs.

Agency Update

Ms. Sprouse announced there would be a DSS training opportunity on August 27th. DJ Barrier and Kirk Hensley would be teaching the class from 9am-12pm and 1:30pm-4:30pm. More information will be shared closer to the time of the event.

Ms. Sprouse advised the agency had received a guardianship case on this date and there was a potential liability risk due to the client is located out of county.

Ms. Sprouse also advised there were a few complaints about the picnic tables, children writing with chalk on the tables, and the chalk had gotten on the employees clothes. Also, there were complaints of cigarette smoke in the picnic area.

Consensus from the Board was for Ms. Sprouse to designate a smoking area for the smokers.

Adjourn

Commissioner Greene made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Vaughn. Meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm.

Attest:

David Walker
Chairman

Cheryl L. Mitchell
Clerk to the Board