

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED SESSION – JULY 27, 2018**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Called Session on Friday, July 27, 2018, at 9:00am, at the County Administration Building, 60 E Court Street, Marion, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board; Randall Thomas, Public Works Director; Alison Bell, Finance Officer

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walker called the meeting to order.

Mr. Thomas advised the State of NC requires his department to constantly monitor the environmental conditions related to the facility, even though it has been closed since the early 1990's. That monitoring includes groundwater that may flow through the site as well as any methane that may be generated by the decomposing matter.

The Public Works department received a notice of violation related to the existing groundwater monitoring. The levels of contaminants in the sample were higher than acceptable for several measures. Therefore, the county is required to do additional testing and required to drill another monitoring well for groundwater.

The cost of the action plan prepared by Joyce Engineering was \$25,000 for their services. Mr. Wooten and Mr. Thomas spoke with the engineer to negotiate the charges, and the company reduced their charges to \$22,000. Chairman Walker requested in the future to look at bidding the monitoring of the wells to other engineering firms.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the agreement with Joyce Engineering, second by Vice Chair McPeters. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Request to purchase a wheel loader used to move the garbage from the tipping floor onto the trailers at the transfer station was presented. The current model was purchased in 2012 and is nearing the end of its life. The previous lowest bid was not usable at the site due to some equipment limitations. The purchase would be through the National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) Purchasing Co-op for a John Deere 624L. The price including extended warranty is \$200,418.12, which includes a high lift Z bar that was not on the previous 2012 model. The bar adds additional safety feature for the employees.

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the *Resolution Approving Financing Terms* for purchase of John Deere 624L Wheel Loader for \$200,418.12 at 2.90% fixed rate for four years via First Bank, second by Commissioner Greene. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Brown noted he had been contacted by a citizen regarding their neighbor stacking tires on the property line. The Solid Waste Ordinance states disposal of tires on public or private owned property is prohibited unless it is a facility approved by State and local laws.

Commissioner Brown made a motion, second by Commissioner Vaughn, to send the Solid Waste Ordinance to the Planning Board for their review in regards to civil penalties. Discussion followed noting the Sheriff's Department had been to the property owner and had given the owner a 30 day notice to remove the tires. Chairman Walker requested an update at the next meeting on the panhandling issue that was given to the Planning Board.

By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to adjourn, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Cheryl L. Mitchell
Clerk to the Board

David N. Walker
Chairman