

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECESSED SESSION – JUNE 28, 2019**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Recessed Session on Friday, June 28, 2019, at 11:30am, in the Commissioner's Board Room, 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; Alison Bell, Finance Director; Terry DePoyster, Public Services Director; Chuck Hamrick, Engineer with Holland and Hamrick

Tax Foreclosure Update

Ms. Linda Onufrey, Tax Collector, presented a request to hire a new foreclosure attorney due to the current attorney being too busy to handle the claims. Ms. Jennifer Jackson, (bio attached) submitted an agreement with the county (copy attached) for consideration.

Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to contract with Ms. Jackson for foreclosures, second by Commissioner Greene. By a vote of 4-0 the motion passed.

Facilities Updates

EMS

Mr. Wooten presented a reimbursement resolution for approval for the EMS project, since the county was now incurring costs due to surveying and design of the building.

County of McDowell, North Carolina Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse

This declaration (the Declaration") is made pursuant to the requirements of the United States treasury regulations Section 1.150-2 and is intended to constitute a Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse under such Treasury Regulations Section.

The undersigned is authorized to declare the official intent of County of McDowell, North Carolina (the Issuer") with respect to the matters contained herein.

1. Expenditures to be Incurred. The Issuer anticipates incurring expenditures (the "Expenditures") for the EMS Main Station replacement (the"Project").

2. Plan of Finance. The Issuer intends to finance the costs of the Project with the proceeds of debt to be issued by the Issuer (the "Borrowing"), the interest on which is to be excluded from gross income for Federal income tax purposes.
3. Maximum Principal Amount of Debt to be Issued. The maximum principal amount of the Borrowing to be incurred by the Issuer to finance the Project is \$8,500,000.
4. Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse. The Issuer hereby declares its official intent to reimburse itself with the proceeds of the Borrowing for any of the Expenditures incurred by it prior to the issuance of the Borrowing.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 2019.

Cheryl L Mitchell
Clerk to the Board

David Walker
Chair, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman Brown made a motion to approve the *County of McDowell, North Carolina Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse*, second by Commissioner Greene. By a vote of 4-0 the motion passed.

Courthouse

Mr. Terry DePoyster, Public Services Director, gave an update on several ongoing projects: 3rd courtroom is now being used; the DA space will soon be ready for occupancy; the Nebo-Stacy Hill waterline project has added about 45 new customers since the project was completed; Charters of Freedom project is complete; the Public Defender location on the 3rd floor is approximately 60 days out; Administration building has a secure door added on the first floor; the Board of Elections building construction has been completed and the department has anticipated moving the end of July; the Pilot Plant is been accessed for cost estimates and best utilization of the space; the EMS Station 4/Credit Union building property has been transferred and the grounds have been cleaned. Chairman Walker requested cost estimates on using the bottom of the Register of Deeds building for storage.

Mr. Chuck Hamrick explained the latest extras/credits list for the courthouse renovations. The extras include work on the DA offices on the 3rd floor, and the Public Defenders offices in the lower level of the new addition. A copy of the blueprint and preliminary cost estimate is with the agenda materials.

Discussion was held on possible funding resources.

Vice Chair Brown made a motion to go ahead with the renovations, second by Commissioner Greene. Discussion followed with clarification of the motion included adding a contingency allowance of \$125,000, to the \$537,000 cost estimate, plus the engineering fee of \$46,285. By a vote of 4-0 the motion carried.

Budget Amendments

Mr. Wooten presented the following budget amendments:

GF 82 – transfers budget items in General Fund under \$3,000

- GF 83 – transfers budget and appropriate revenue in Emergency Services
- GF 84 – appropriates revenue to cover audit fees for June site work in Finance
- GF 85 – appropriates revenue and fund balance for reserved funds in the Library
- GF 86 – appropriates revenue in Animal Control
- GF 87 – appropriates revenue in Register of Deeds
- GF 88 – appropriates revenue and transfers between line items in Sheriff's Dept
- GF 89 – appropriates revenue and transfers between line items in Senior Center
- GF 90 – appropriates revenue for Medical Examiner, City Hold Harmless and Defenders rent/expense
- GF 91 – transfer the budget between line items in Tax Collections
- GF 92 – appropriates grant revenue in Cooperative Extension
- GF 93 – appropriates revenue and transfer between line items in Recreation
- GF 94 – transfers between line items in various departments
- GF 95 – appropriates additional revenue to proper line items in DSS
- GF 96 – transfers budget under \$3000 in various departments
- GF 97 – transfer the budget for the NCACC Medicaid cost reimbursement in EMS
- Amendment ENT6 – appropriate revenue and transfer between funds in the Enterprise Fund (Waste)
- Amendment 911F3 – transfer the budget between line items in 911 Fund
- Amendment UENT3 – transfer between line items in Enterprise Fund (Universal Bldg)
- Amendment Transit2 – transfer between funds in Enterprise Transit
- Amendment Transit3 – to adjust revenue to estimated amounts and to increase the transfer from General Fund provide by fund balance appropriation in Enterprise Transit
- Amendment SI3 – allocate revenue sources for Self Insurance Fund
- Amendment SP3 – amend the School Project Fund for multiple projects in School Project

Vice Chair Brown made a motion to approve all budget amendments, second by Commissioner Greene. By a vote of 4-0 the motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve June 6, 2019 Closed Session minutes, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By a vote of 4-0 the motion passed.

Tax Revaluation Update

Chair Walker noted it would be prudent to reevaluate the property values on every property in the county so that the values would be equal for homeowners. Discussion was held regarding Mr. Tim Cain, Revaluation Director's proposal for the next revaluation period.

The Board requested Tim Cain to attend the next Regular Session meeting for a presentation and clarification of his proposal.

Adjourn

Vice Chair Brown made a motion to adjourn at 12:22 pm, second by Commissioner Vaughn. By a vote of 4 -0 the motion passed.

Attest:

David Walker, Chair

Cheryl L. Mitchell, Clerk to the Board