

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECESSED SESSION – MARCH 18, 2019**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Monday, March 18, 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; Lisa Sprouse, Director of Social Services; Mike Conley, reporter for *The McDowell News*.

Statutory Role of Commissioners Regarding DSS

Mr. Wooten presented several statutes that provide for the governance of Social Services as it relates to the role of the County Commissioners. He noted that since the Board of Social Services was eliminated the governance role is now handled by the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Wooten also suggested that the Board meet every month with the Director.

Social Services 101

Ms. Sprouse presented an overview of divisions of Social Services including Economic Services, Child Welfare, Child Support, and Adult Services. She reviewed several of the challenges that each division face on a daily basis including issues with the NC FAST system.

There was a general discussion amongst Board members regarding several issues relating to policies and procedures for the Department.

Organizational Chart Discussion

Ms. Sprouse presented the organization chart that shows each unit and how they interact with the Director. The Chairman suggested that at the next month's meeting that each unit manager should be brought in for a meet and greet.

Memorandum of Understanding Discussion

Ms. Sprouse briefly reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between McDowell County and the NC Department of Health and Human Services. She reminded the Board that the MOU requires reporting from the County to the State on a monthly basis and that funding from the State could be withheld if requirements are not met.

Facility Tour

The Board was given a tour of the facility by Ms. Sprouse.

Adjourn

Commissioner Greene made a motion to recess to 11:30 on Thursday, March 28 at the Commissioners Board Room.

Attest:

David Walker
Chair

Ashley R. Wooten
Deputy Clerk to the Board