

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION – MAY 22, 2014**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in special budget session on Thursday, May 22, 2014, at 11:30 a.m., Commission Board Room of the County Administration Building, 60 East Court Street, Marion, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Van Randy Hollifield, Chairman; Joseph R. Kaylor, Vice-Chairman; and David N. Walker.

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles R. Abernathy, County Manager; and Ashley Wooten, Deputy Clerk to the Board.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hollifield called the meeting to order.

McDOWELL MISSION BUDGET REQUEST

The County Manager mentioned that the McDowell Mission had requested to speak to the Board in order to request additional funding beyond what was being recommended.

Rev. Bill Warren presented several items of interest that were facing in the upcoming year, including several building needs. Rev. Warren distributed a sheet showing activities over the last fiscal year to the Board.

A general discussion of the Rapid Re-housing Grant followed.

The Chairman asked Rev. Warren what level of support they received from the church community. He stated that there are twenty five to thirty churches that provide support each year, equal to about 65% of its budget.

A discussion of space at the Mission's facilities followed. The County Manager stated that county staff would look at the former Holly Hills facility to see if it would be appropriate for Mission use.

Rev. Warren stated that the Mission recently received \$6,000 from the City of Marion and \$8,000 the year before.

The County Manager asked several questions related to transportation for clients, specifically related to transportation to employment.

The Chairman asked how the clients at the men's shelter were screened. Rev. Warren stated that each client is screened extensively due to state laws. He did add that sexual offenders are not allowed at the shelter.

Rev. Warren expressed his appreciation for the recommended amount of \$12,000. Commissioner Walker suggested that the surrounding counties be asked to contribute some funding to the shelter since their residents utilize the shelter.

RECOGNITION OF KEITH RENFRO

The Chairman recognized retiring Tax Assessor Keith Renfro for his 17 years of service. He presented Mr. Renfro a plaque honoring his service.

Commissioner Walker, Commissioner Kaylor, and Chairman Hollifield each praised Mr. Renfro for his years of service to the county.

Consultant Tom Ebert praised Mr. Renfro for his hard work and dedication to the county and its people.

OTHER ITEMS

Chairman Hollifield asked several questions regarding the Payment in Lieu of Taxes for the federal property. He stated his desire for the county to see more revenue from the land such as increased timber sales.

A general discussion of the teacher supplement followed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact at this time, upon motion by Commissioner Kaylor to adjourn to May 30, 2014 at 11:30 to continue the budget discussions and a second by Commissioner Walker, the meeting was adjourned.

VAN RANDY HOLLIFIELD
CHAIRMAN

ASHLEY R. WOOTEN
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD

