

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION – MAY 30, 2017**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in an adjourned session on Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at 5:00p.m., at the County Administration Building, 60 E Court Street, Marion, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David Walker; Barry McPeters; Tony Brown; Matthew Crawford; and Lynn Greene

OTHERS PRESENT

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Walker called the meeting to order, and turned the meeting over to Mr. Wooten.

MCDOWELL MISSION MINISTRIES, INC

Ms. Pat Faulkner introduced board members, Kit Alverson, Becky Cross, Randy Hollifield, and Executive Director Sabra Rock.

Mr. Alverson presented statistics on the ministry; the men's shelter can house up to 20 men, and the women's shelter can house up to 40 women and children. Case management is provided for all residents. He presented a budget request for \$30,000 to keep both facilities open.

Mr. Hollifield reported the mission worked to get residents back on their feet and being productive. He spoke on the client intake at the Mission, and the different organizations that refers clients to the Mission. Both facilities need renovations.

Ms. Rock provided the following statistics:

- 82% of residents in both shelters are from McDowell County
- 50% of the residents at the men's shelter are from McDowell County
- % of residents rehabilitated in 2016 -- 11% went to housing
- first quarter of 2017 -- 42% of residents housed
- 3.39% recidivism
- one year is maximum length of stay
- average length of stay in 2016 -- 290 days
- 65 days for average for those who were discharged-(those who chose to leave, or can't follow rules, drug use, etc)

She also noted they have requested funds from Mitchell County, and will ask the Marion City Council for \$15,000.

Chair Walker noted the county is in a tight budget also, they would consider the request. He thanked them for the job and service they offer to the homeless.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Ms. Tonia Hampton asked for an increase in salary to go to \$52,477, she is currently at \$47,688.

She also asked if there was a criterion for basing salary of elected officials. Discussion followed on job performance vs salary increase.

She asked if the board could not approve for both her and her assistant Lena Baker, that Ms. Baker be considered first.

The board thanked Ms. Hampton for the presentation.

SET BUDGET MEETINGS

Mr. Wooten noted he needed to meet with the board to go over other budget request and adjustments. Meeting was set for Monday, June 5th, at 5:00pm.

Vice Chair McPeters made a motion, second by Commissioner Greene to adjourn to June 5th, at 5:00pm. By unanimous approval, the motion carried.

David N. Walker, Chair

Cheryl L. Mitchell, Clerk to the Board