

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
RECESSED SESSION-FIRE COMMISSION – MAY 9, 2019**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Recessed Session on Thursday, May 9, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) with the Fire Commission.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

None

OTHERS PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chief Brad Ledbetter, Chair of the Fire Commission, called the meeting to order. Sgt. Reid, NCSHP expressed his appreciation to the fire departments for their assistance and cooperation.

Each department in attendance gave an update:

Ashford-North Cove Fire Department—34 members with 3 fulltime employees; currently a 6 rating and working on a 4 rating

Glenwood Fire Department—27 members with 3 juniors, 1 fulltime and 7 part-time employees

Hankins North Fork Fire Department—30 members with 1 fulltime and 6 part-time employees

Marion Fire Department—19 members with 7 fulltime and 8 part-time employees, and 3 junior; department has a 6 rating; asking for a 2 cents fire tax increase, currently they have 6 cents tax and if approved will have 8 cents fire tax

Nebo Fire Department—32 members with 1 fulltime and 4 part-time employees

Old Fort Fire Department—32 members with 6 part-time employees; asking for a 3 cent fire tax increase; city rating is a 6, and the county rating is a 9

PG Fire Department—42 members with 9 juniors and 1 fulltime and 3 part-time employees; currently at a 5 rating working on a 4 rating

Sugar Hill Fire Department—30 members with 2 junior and 8 part-time employees; have a 5 rating

Woodlawn Fire Department—31 members with 1 fulltime; 3 junior, and 2 cadet; department has a 9 rating

Dysartsville Fire Department—37 members with 1 fulltime employee; considering building a substation for responding to Grandview Peaks Development

Emergency Management—appreciate the cooperation, response and assistance from the departments

McDowell Rescue and Crooked Creek Fire Department did not have any representation at the meeting.

Chair Walker and each Commissioner expressed their appreciation for the dedication of the fire and rescue personnel, the cooperation among the different departments and the trust they have in the job they do.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

Attest:

DAVID N. WALKER
CHAIRMAN

CHERYL L. MITCHELL
CLERK TO THE BOARD