

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
ADJOURNED SESSION – JUNE 26, 2014**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in special budget session on Thursday, June 26, 2014, at 12:00 PM 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 Michael Lavender; Barry McPeters; David Walker.

OTHERS PRESENT

Charles R. Abernathy, County Manager; Ashley Wooten, Deputy Clerk to the Board; Alison Morgan, Finance Officer.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Hollifield called the meeting to order.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The County Manager presented an update on the county's expenditures and revenues through this point in the fiscal year.

The County Manager and Finance Officer presented the following budget amendments for the Board's approval:

GF 80 - This amendment transfers transfer funds from the Courthouse Renovation line item to Fuel for Facility Maintenance.

GF 81 - This amendment increases the Fuel and Maintenance in Public Works line item in order to cover tag and tax on the new truck.

GF 82 - This amendment transfers funds to cover travel overages.

GF 83 – This amendment allocates funds in the equipment pool in order for the purchase of a fire truck.

GF 84 – This amendment makes transfer to cover additional travel and equipment costs.

GF 85 - This amendment increases the grant writer line item.

GF 86 – This amendment increases the occupancy tax receipts.

GF 87 – This amendment allocates grant revenue in the economic development line item.

GF 88 – This amendment makes adjustments in the recreation program line items.

GF 89 - This amendment makes various adjustments in several line items.

Commissioner Lavender made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to approve budget amendments GF 80-89. By unanimous approval, the motion carried.

(Commissioner McPeters arrived after the vote.)

EMPLOYER PROVIDED MEDICAL INSURANCE CHANGES

The County Manager provided an overview of proposed insurance changes related to emergency room care, and a proposed case manager system.

Mr. Abernathy stated that the emergency department fee would be increased to \$173 as a way to de-incentivize use of the emergency department by employees in order for them to seek lower priced alternatives.

He also reviewed a proposal from the county's insurance carrier to institute a case manager system to assist employees in maintaining healthy habits. The purpose of the case management would be to make sure that chronic health insurance users are following doctor's orders.

A general discussion of the pros and cons of the program followed.

Commissioner Lavender motioned, seconded by Commissioner Kaylor, to authorize the Emergency Department fee increase and to approve the case management program. The vote to approve was 4-1 with the following votes:

AYES:

Hollifield
Kaylor
Lavender
Walker

NOES:

McPeters

OTHER ITEMS

Commissioner Kaylor asked if the Board would authorize the County to pay for paint for repainting the Health Department's tooth bus with a cost of around \$300.

Commissioner Walker motioned, seconded by Commissioner Kaylor, to authorize the expenditure of County funds to purchase paint for the tooth bus. By unanimous approval, the motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to transact at this time, upon motion by Commissioner Walker to and a second by Commissioner Kaylor, the meeting was adjourned.

VAN RANDY HOLLIFIELD
CHAIRMAN

ASHLEY R. WOOTEN
DEPUTY CLERK TO THE BOARD