

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
CALLED SESSION – October 30, 2017**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in a called session on Monday, October 30, 2017, at 5:03 p.m., in the Commissioner's Board Room of the County Administration Building, 60 East Court Street, Marion, North Carolina.

Members Present

Barry McPeters, Vice-Chairman; Tony Brown; Matthew Crawford; and Lynn Greene

Members Absent

David Walker, Chair

Others Present

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board; Robbin Silvers, HR Director; Maria Preswood, HR Assistant; Alison Bell, Finance Officer; Karla McHone, Account Executive with One Digital, Health and Benefits Broker; Tim Firlit with One Digital, and Jim Rasmussen with Morrow Insurance.

Vice Chair McPeters called the meeting to order.

Employee Health Insurance Discussion

The County Manager gave a recap of the BCBS/Mission contract dispute resulting in Mission no longer being in-network as of 10/5/2017.

Chair Walker joined the meeting at 5:09pm.

Ms. McHone pointed out from the period of October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017, 47% or \$1.2M had been spent on Mission providers. That is a significant portion of the \$3.1M spent for the last fiscal year.

She also reported negotiation meetings are happening with BCBS and Mission.

Ms. McHone reviewed the options available --- remaining with BCBS of NC or move to new Third Party Administrator (TPA). A move to a new TPA must have a 60 day notification to employees. She then presented proposals from Aetna, United Health Care, and HealthyState-a Mission Hospital system TPA.

Discussion by the Board followed on the choices presented.

Commissioner Crawford made a motion effective Wednesday, November 1, Human Resources department notify employees if BCBS and Mission does not reach a contract, we will

potentially award TPA later on, second by Commissioner Greene. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Commissioner Crawford made a motion to adjourn, second by Vice Chair McPeters. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

DAVID WALKER
CHAIRMAN

CHERYL MITCHELL
CLERK TO THE BOARD