

January 8, 2015– Regular Session

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Session on, January 8, 2015. Present were Chairman Carson, Vice-Chair White, Commissioner Moon, Commissioner Bushyhead, and Commissioner Burns.

Chairman Carson called the regular session to order and led the pledge of allegiance.

Adjust Agenda

Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjust the agenda to better facilitate the meeting. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Moon made a motion to approve minutes of the November 17 work session, November 17 regular session, and December 1 organizational meeting. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous. A vote was unanimous.

Tax Collector's Report

Peggy Hyde presented the Tax Collector's report to the Board for the month of December, 2014. Ad-Valorem tax receivable was reported at \$5,456,094.10. There was \$1,589,128.24 collected for the month. Total collections year to date were \$4,900,145.68. The tax collection percentage year to date was 25.24%. Total releases were \$1,911.12, total discoveries were \$1,015.97 and total refunds were \$0. Commissioner Moon made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Finance Officer's Report

Dean Kowal presented a report to the Board for December, 2014. Ms. Kowal reported revenues for the month were \$2,175,038.07. Total revenue year to date is \$8,003,105.64. We have approximately 48.84% of revenues for 2014/2015 fiscal year. Expenditures for the month were \$1,892,573.00. Year to date we have expended \$7,145,168.57. We have paid out approximately 43.61% of the General Fund appropriations for 2014/2015 fiscal year. Also, for the month of December, 2014; Ms. Kowal explained the difference of figures being up and down to be due to money coming in after the end of the year, insurance claims have been astronomical in 2014 which has had a large impact on the bottom line for the General Fund. Across the Board, Social Services is doing so much better and Lottie Barker is to be commended on her efforts toward this. Commissioner Monteith made a motion to approve the Finance Report as presented. Commissioner Bushyhead seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Closed Session:

None

Action Items

Marianna Black Library Board By-Laws: Commissioner Bushyhead made a motion to approve the by-laws as submitted. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Informal Discussion:

Public Comment: Jack Howard asked when a leash law and animal control is going to be in effect? Chairman Carson addressed this issue had been discussed several times. Mr. King noted an Animal Control Ordinance would be the controlling solution. Chairman Carson noted once they were caught, there was no way for the County to take care of them. Mr. Bartlett suggested a leash law or nuisance law would be needed. Commissioner Bushyhead volunteered to review previous information gathered pertaining to an Animal Control Ordinance which would allow for hunting dogs, pets, etc. Mr. King relayed the previous Board has visited the option to create a shelter area at the Industrial Park, the property has been sold. The EBCI have their own, Jackson County has their own, when we get to the point that we have an Animal Control ordinance in place and this will require a shelter plan in the equation as well as work along the PAWS program.

Adjournment

Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi C. Woodard
Clerk to the Board
Swain County Commissioners

Phil Carson
Chairman
Swain County Commissioners