

**April 24, 2007– Regular Session**

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Session on Tuesday, April 24, 2007. Present were Chairman Jones, Vice-Chair Lindsay, Commissioner Monteith, Commissioner Moon and Commissioner Carson.

Chairman Jones called the regular session to order. Commissioner Moon led with prayer and the pledge.

**Adjust Agenda**

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

**Approval of minutes**

Vice-Chair Lindsay made a motion to approve minutes of the February 27 and March 13 meetings. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

**Public Comments**

Citizens listed on the following sign in sheet expressed their concerns during this regular session:

Swain County Commissioners Meeting

April 24, 2007

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Please sign in if you wish to speak during the Public Comment  
Period concerning an item on this agenda.

\*\*You will be allowed approximately 3 minutes to speak.\*\*

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address/Phone #</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Organization</u>
Virginia DeBoard	DC, NC	488-2170	
Mike Clampitt			
Linda Fogue			
Raleigh Grant			

Virginia DeBoard expressed concerns regarding the Sheriff's salary and also the cost to move the Board meeting to the District Court Room when there's a large crowd.

Mike Clampitt submitted the following comments:

**PUBLIC COMMENT ITEMS  
24 APR 07**

- I. Moment of silence?
  - a. victims of violence
  - b. loss of troops from 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne today
- II. Joint meeting
  - a. Congratulations to County/City joint communication
  - b. Public release of information

Linda Hogue expressed concerns regarding the North Shore Road issue.

Raleigh Grant presented the following letter to the Chairman and the Board:

Mr. Chairman

April 24, 2007

I understand the State Election Investigators are in Swain County and are Investigating you and several other people for possible Election Irregularities.

Mr. Chairman with the Circumstances being as they are, how could you put the people of Swain County and the other members of the Commission Board through the Embarrassment you have brought on yourself and Swain County.

Mr. Chairman I think you should step down as Commissioner until after the Investigation is over.

Sincerely,  
Raleigh Grant  
10444 US 19 West  
Bryson City, NC  
28713  
828-488-3461

#### **Finance Officer's Report**

Kevin King, Finance Officer, presented a report to the Board for the month of March. Mr. King reported revenues for the month were \$495,495.29. Total revenue year to date is \$7,946,837.03. We have approximately 74.22% of revenues for 2006-2007 fiscal year. Expenditures for the month were \$559,457.49. Year to date we have expended \$6,856,885.12. We have paid out approximately 64.04% of the General Fund appropriations for 2006/2007 fiscal year. Commissioner Moon made a motion to approve the Finance Officer's report as presented. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

#### **Tax Collector's Report**

Peggy Hyde, Tax Administrator, presented a report to the Board for the month of March. Ad-Valorem tax receivable was reported at \$3,873,023.06. There was \$79,960.97 collected for the month. Total collections year to date were \$4,490,298.23. The tax collection percentage year to date was 0.90%. Total releases were \$3,057.28, total discoveries were \$9,888.84 and total refunds were \$27.55. Commissioner Carson made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

#### **Budget Amendment #6**

Chairman Jones made a motion to approve the following Budget Amendment:

#### **SWAIN COUNTY - BUDGET AMENDMENT #6**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Swain, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of amending the adopted budget to reflect the following changes:

<u>Description</u>	Inc. Expenditures or Dec. Revenues	Inc. Revenues or Dec. Exp.
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#### **General Fund**

**Sheriffs Department**

Capital Outlay 30,000

**Emergency Management Grant**

Grant 25,000

**Recreation Grant**

Grant from Community Services Inc. 15,000

**General Fund Revenue**

Governors Crime Commission	15,000
Bulletproof Vest Program	15,000
NCEM Grant	25,000
Community Services for Swain Inc.	<u>15,000</u>
	<b>70,000</b>
	<b>70,000</b>

As Clerk of the Board, I certify this budget amendment was approved by the Swain County Board of Commissioners in a Regular Session on April 24, 2007.

Vice-Chair Lindsay seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

**New Business**

**Old Courthouse renovations**

Kevin King informed the Board the paint job at the old courthouse will be up for bid again until at least three bids are submitted.

**Department Reports:**

Kevin King read from the following report submitted by David Breedlove:

**Swain County**  
9-1-1  
Emergency Medical Services-Emergency Management  
PO Box 2321, Bryson City, NC 28713  
Office (828) 488-6021      Emergency Communications (828) 488-2197  
Fax (828) 488-9479      Email: [swainem@earthlink.net](mailto:swainem@earthlink.net)

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Quarterly Report  
January 01, 2007 to March 31, 2007

Total calls handled by the 911 center:	2559
Sheriff's Department	1204
Police Department	415
EMS	412
Bryson City Fire Department	117
Swain County Rescue Squad	36
Alarka Fire Department	26
West Swain Fire Department	21
Other (DSS, DOT, SAFE, etc.)	328

We are continuing with the process to acquire USFS final approval for property to construct an EMS substation. The preliminary survey work has been completed.

New EMS continuing education program in place and working well. SCC now provides the same class multiple times to cut down on our overtime and to improve attendance.

NC Office of EMS is conducting a system review this week, for Swain County.

A review of the Pelohi Cove Fire was held with Fire Department, NCFS and Emergency Management personnel. Several items were discussed pertaining to the response and a review of policies concerning Mutual Aid was discussed and some reforms are being instituted.

Grants were acquired by EM staff for Infrared cameras for the Alarka Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department.. The grant was for cameras at approximately \$10,000 each plus training and travel to New Orleans, for a total of approximately \$24,000.

Two staff attended ICS Operations training for a week in Burke County.

Sheriff Cochran presented the following report:

**Arrest Misdemeanor Totals by Officer**  
Swain County Sheriff's Office  
(01/01/2007 - 03/01/2007)

Arresting Officer:	Number of Arrests:
S-16 - BILLY E. PEPPERS	6
S-2 - CHIEF DEPUTY E.J. BUCHANAN	1
S-13 - edward j. grindle	2
S-11 - GARY CLOER	5
S-12 - HAMILTON, KENNETH	6
S-17 - JACOB K. FARLEY	2
S-6 - MCDONALD, WILLIAN BRENT	1
S-7 - SGT. JASON B. GARDNER	1
S-9 - SGT. WILLIAM S. COLLINS	2

**Arrest Felony Totals by Officer**  
Swain County Sheriff's Office  
(01/01/2007 - 03/01/2007)

Arresting Officer:	Number of Arrests:
No Officer Specified	3
S-16 - BILLY E. PEPPERS	8
S-11 - GARY CLOER	1
S-12 - HAMILTON, KENNETH	2
S-17 - JACOB K. FARLEY	5
S-3 - LT. HYATT, VIRGINIA J	2
S-7 - SGT. JASON B. GARDNER	6
S-6 - SGT. MCDONALD, WILLIAN BRENT	1
S-8 - SGT. MCHAN, ROBERT D	1
S-9 - SGT. WILLIAM S. COLLINS	2
S-4 - Southards, David T	6

Total Arrests: 37

## Drug Summary Totals

Swain County Sheriff's Office

(01/01/2007 - 03/01/2007)

### E - Marijuana

Status:	Measurement:	Total Quantity:
Z - Seized	OZ - Ounce	0.56
Z - Seized	GM - Gram	11.01
Z - Seized	FO - Fluid Ounce	0.05

### F - Morphine

Status:	Measurement:	Total Quantity:
Z - Seized	GM - Gram	0.05

### H - Other Narcotics

Status:	Measurement:	Total Quantity:
Z - Seized	DU - Dosage Unit/Items (Pills, etc.)	1

### L - Amphetamines/Methamphetamines

Status:	Measurement:	Total Quantity:
Z - Seized	ML - Milliliter	0.1
Z - Seized	GM - Gram	0.53
Z - Seized	FO - Fluid Ounce	1.01

### M - Other Stimulants

Status:	Measurement:	Total Quantity:
S - Stolen	DU - Dosage Unit/Items (Pills, etc.)	14

### P - Other Drugs

Status:	Measurement:	Total Quantity:
Z - Seized	DU - Dosage Unit/Items (Pills, etc.)	29

### County Manager's report

Kevin King gave an update on the Franklin Grove and Governor's Island water and sewer projects.

### Closed Session

Chairman Jones made a motion to go into closed session as called for under G.S. 143-318.11 (A)(6) to discuss personnel issues.

Chairman Jones made a motion to adjourn the closed session and stated there was no action taken. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

### Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjourn. Chairman Jones seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin S. King,  
Clerk to the Board  
Swain County Commissioners

Glenn Jones  
Chairman  
Swain County Commissioners