

October 25, 2010 - Public Hearing

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing on October 25, 2010. Present were Chairman Jones, Vice-Chair Lindsay, Commissioner Moon, Commissioner Monteith and Commissioner Carson.

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

The purpose of this meeting was to provide information on the proposed Community Development Block and receive public input prior to completion of the application.

Marian Hill presented the following information regarding the grant:

SCATTERED SITES HOUSING PROGRAM

The North Carolina Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance (DCA), administrator of the State of North Carolina Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program offers the 2010 Scattered Site Housing (SSH) program where grants are made on a non-competitive basis to each county every three years. The primary objective of the CDBG SSH program is to improve the housing conditions of very low-income households with incomes at or below 50% of area median income.

There are still many dwellings in the County which fall below the definition of “decent, safe and sanitary” housing as defined by DCA. Swain County has opted to provide reconstruction/replacement assistance to homeowners.

One of the requirements is that the County must appoint a Scattered Sites Housing Selection Committee. This committee met in August and made selections for the 2010 Scattered Sites Grant. The four properties selected will have their dwellings demolished and replaced with a manufactured home on the same property. Those selected were:

Mr. & Mrs. Charles N. Smith	1921 Alarka Road	Bryson City, NC 28713
Ms. Azalee Slagle	5925 Ela Road	Whittier, NC 28789
Mr. John H. Ball	700 Betts Branch Road	Bryson City, NC 28713
Mr. Donald J. Herron	641 Buckner Branch Road	Bryson City, NC 28713

Alternates:

Mr. & Mrs. Grover Hyde	3567 Laurel Branch Rd	Bryson City, NC 28713
Ms. Cheri Lee Spence	1740 Highway 19 South	Bryson City, NC 28713

(Ms. Spence was determined to be not eligible, does not own the property at this time)

The budget anticipated is as follows:

Clearance Activities:	\$ 56,000	4 units
Reconstruction:	\$ 299,600	4 units
Relocation Assistance:	4,400	4 units
Administration:	\$ 40,000	4 units total

Award Amount

Scattered Site Housing grants are for \$400,000, which includes CDBG funded administration up to 10% of the total CDBG costs.

The funding for this project is provided 100% by the NC Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance. Applicants that receive DCA funding approval for this SSH Project may charge the cost of the application preparation to the current program provided that procurement procedures consistent with 24CFR 85.36 are followed. No County funds are used for this CDBG project.

Public Comments: There were no comments made from the public.

Adjournment

Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjourn the Public Hearing. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindi C. Woodard
Clerk to the Board
Swain County Commissioners

Glenn Jones
Chairman
Swain County Commissioners