

### **April 11, 2011 – Regular Session**

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a regular session on April 11, 2011. Present were Chairman Carson, Vice-Chair White, Commissioner Monteith, Commissioner Moon and Commissioner Dixon.

Chairman Carson called the regular session to order.

### **Adjust Agenda**

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

**Vietnam Veterans Day Proclamation:** Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt the Vietnam Veterans Day proclamation. Seconded by Commissioner White a vote was unanimous. Chairman Carson presented the following proclamation:

### **Minutes**

Commissioner Moon made a motion to approve minutes of the March 3 emergency session, March 14 work session and March 14 regular session. Vice-Chair White seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

### **Administrative Reports**

**Tax Collector's Report:** Peggy Hyde presented a report to the Board for the month of March, 2011. Ad-Valorem tax receivable was reported at \$4,419,538.36. There was \$144,564.76 collected for the month. Total collections year to date were \$5,119,916.04. The tax collection percentage year to date was 96.21%. Total releases were \$2,864.12. Total discoveries were \$2,044.75. Total refunds were \$131.51. Commissioner Monteith made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

**Finance Officer's Report:** Kevin King presented a report to the Board for the month of March, 2011. Revenues for the month were \$469,585.09. Total revenue year to date is \$9,373,329.83. We have approximately 59.64% of revenues for 2010-2011 fiscal year. Expenditures for the month were \$760,188.38. Year to date we have expended \$8,588,579.16. We have paid out approximately 64.57 % of the General Fund appropriations for 2010/2011 fiscal year. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the Finance Officer's report as presented. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

**Reclassification of Attorney:** On behalf of the Swain County Board of Social Services, Robert White presented a letter recommending reclassification the agency attorney position to that of a Special County Attorney assigned to the Department of Social Services. By reclassifying this position, the agency's current attorney, Justin Greene, will be made an employee of the County and assigned directly to the DSS by memorandum of agreement. Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the reclassification. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

**CDBG Grant Approval:** Commissioner Monteith made a motion to approve the Community Development Block Grant. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion.

**CDBG-Hire Administrator:** Commissioner Monteith made a motion to hire Grant Administrators Inc; Marian Hill and Joan Stillwell to administer the 2011 Scattered Site Housing Grant for Swain County for the allotted administration and service delivery fees allowed by the Division of Community Assistance and the Scattered Site Housing Grant. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

**Budget Amendment #9:** Commissioner Monteith made a motion to approve the following budget amendment:

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, 2011:

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 Office**

Capital Outlay	240,000	
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**EMS**

Capital Outlay	100,000	
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**Emergency Management**

Capital Outlay	140,000	
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**General Fund Revenues**

Transfer from E-911		240,000
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Financing Proceeds		<u>240,000</u>
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<b>Total</b>	<b><u>480,000</u></b>	<b>480,000</b>
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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 11, 2011.

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Cindi Woodard, Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

**\*\*Addition: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to add the following item to the agenda: Needmore Resolution. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.**

**Needmore Resolution:** Commissioner Monteith made a motion to approve the following resolution:



**Resolution # 900-2011-07**

*STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA*

**COUNTY OF SWAIN**

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF  
TRANSPORTATION ROADWAY AND SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS TO NEEDMORE  
ROAD IN MACON AND SWAIN COUNTIES**

**WHEREAS**, the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is considering improvements to Needmore Road, and has presented several options regarding the same, and

**WHEREAS**, a public Hearing was held by the NCDOT in both Macon and Swain counties to obtain public input into the various options concerning the location and design of the project, and

**WHEREAS**, the primary purpose of the project is to improve the quality of travel for local residents and to reduce sedimentation impacts on the Little Tennessee River, and

**WHEREAS**, the NCDOT has put forth five alternatives for the project as follows:

- **Alternative A - No-Build \$0**

- **Alternative B - No Pave with selective Improvements alternative including Binder Material/Alternative Surfacing \$375,000**
- **Alternative C - Pave In Place – 18 foot Maximum Width Alternative \$5,200,000**
- **Alternative D – Pave in Place – 18 foot Minimum width Alternative \$9,000,000**
- **Alternative E – Division 14 Secondary Road Standards with Design Exceptions Alternative \$13,100,000**

**AND WHEREAS**, Representatives of the Boards of County Commissioners of Macon and Swain Counties have conferred with each other and discussed the options put forth by the NCDOT as well as thoughtful considerations of the comments and recommendations from citizens of both counties, and

**WHEREAS**, both counties agree and support efforts to improve and pave In place (using BST) Needmore Road to minimum safety standards that include minimum lane width in each direction with minimum shoulder widths more closely associated with recommendations characterized in Alternative C with modifications including River Access areas and guard rails at specific needed locations,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Board of Commissioners for the County of Swain as follows:**

1. This Board does hereby support the Needmore Road roadway and safety improvements to accommodate local traffic and protect the natural resources of the area that more closely mirror the general attributes contained in Alternative C (modified).
2. This Board requests that the NCDOT keep the Boards of Commissioners informed on the status of this project.
3. That this resolution be effective upon its adoption.

Adopted this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011.

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Phil Carson, Chairman  
Swain County Commissioners

Attest:

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Cindi C. Woodard, Clerk to the Board  
Swain County Commissioners

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

**New Business**

None

**Informal Discussion**

None

**Public Comments**

Ruth McCoy

**Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair White 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