

### **October 8, 2013 – Work Session**

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a work session on October 8, 2013. Present were Chairman Carson, Vice-Chair White, Commissioner Dixon, Commissioner Moon, and Commissioner Monteith.

Chairman Carson called the meeting to order and led the pledge.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adjust the agenda if need be. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

### **Items for Discussion:**

**-CDBG Report:** Joan Stillwell submitted a monthly report due to extension request.

**-Disabled Vets of America:** Mr. Fred Underwood asked the Board to remind citizens about the Disabled American Veterans local chapter informing them they are there if assistance is needed also Mr. Underwood asked for a donation toward their services.

**-Natalie Warwick:** Ms. Warwick expressed her concerns regarding the Swain County Refuge and Recycling Center noting the need of a tall fence behind the dumpsters to prevent refuge falling over into Buckner Branch, also to keep stay animals away from trash receptacles. Ms. Warwick also asked the Board to consider a large fenced in canine off leash run facility at the Recreation Park.

**-Audit Report – Eric Bowman:** Eric Bowman presented the 2013 Audit Report for Swain County. Mr. Bowman discussed the Investment Policy and suggested transferring all funds into the NCCMT account to allow some stability and also allow the County to transfer all earnings that has been impossible in the past. Mr. Bowman relayed the County's unassigned general fund balance was 10% of general fund balance due to the uncertainty of State shared revenues and still sluggish economy it is recommended that the County keep 24 percent in the fund balance. This equates to approximately 3 months of expenses in reserve. Dean Kowal and staff were commended on their great job handling finances.

**Informal Discussion:** Kevin King discussed effects from the Federal Shut Down regarding childcare subsidy. It has been recommended by Sheila Hoyle that we suspend services so parents won't have to be re-certified. If services aren't suspended it will cost the County \$3,200/day.

The WIC program will be funded through the end of October, which could result in a couple of employee layoffs. The CHORE program could also experience layoffs. Temporary assistance previously offered to the needy is gone and reimbursements have been reduced. NC TRACS has been shut down resulting in part time employee layoffs.

David Monteith announced the decoration at Nolands Creek scheduled for this week has been cancelled.

Kevin King also noted Soil and Water Conservation has temporarily moved to the Jackson County Office due to the fact they share office space with NRCS at the Federal Building and they have closed due to the Federal Shut Down.

**Public Comments:** Ginger Gaither – support for new library, Heidi Ramsey Woodard – support for new library

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Clerk to the Board  
Swain County Commissioners

Phil Carson,  
Chairman  
Swain County Commissioners