

### **January 28, 2016 – Work Session**

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a work session on January 28, 2016. Present were Chairman Carson, Vice-Chair Moon, Commissioner Monteith, Commissioner Bushyhead and Commissioner Burns.

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

Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjust the agenda if need be. Vice-Chair Moon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous. The Board agreed to move the Solid Waste Report to the first item of the work session so Scott Turpin could return to his job.

### **Items for Discussion:**

The Board discussed the following items:

-Solid Waste Report/Scott Turpin: Mr. Turpin reported no complaints have been received since set hours of operation were put into place. Mr. Turpin also relayed that from July 1, 2014 thru June 30, 2015 7,997.80 tons of refuse was collected and 1,220.38 tons of recyclables. The Sanitation Department has started the second phase of improvements to the Convenience Center to get ready for compactors and recycling roll offs. In April, 2015 the State Inspector came. No fines or violations were given. Please see submitted report on file for more details.

-Tobacco Free Ordinance for the Swain County Recreation Department: Alison Cochran, Health Director, presented a copy of the proposed Tobacco Free Ordinance to be placed on public display until the February 11, 2016 public hearing.

-Community Child Protection Team: Sheila Sutton, Social Services Director, relayed information to the Board regarding the Swain County Community Child Protection Team noting they are a group of representatives who meet to provide support and direction to assist in the protection of children from abuse. Mrs. Sutton thanked the Board for their support and encouragement with the programs of Swain County Department of Social Services. Invitations are going to be sent out for a round table discussion.

-Department of Social Services Report: Sheila Sutton presented an annual report to the Board for 2014-2015. She gave an update on the North Carolina Association of County Directors of Social Services in response to HB 372, explained that half a million people will lose their food stamps in North Carolina, and reported on revenues, expenditures and all services provided. A detailed report is on file. Commissioner Bushyhead asked about the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program which will require recipients to be employed or in a work training program to continue receiving benefits. He also asked the possibility and amount it would cost for the County to find funds to help as incentives for employers to provide job training for these people and what the barriers might be. Mrs. Sutton will report back at a later time after research.

The Board also discussed possible changes needed with Swain Transit.

-Mapping Report: Ruth Ann Sitton presented a report noting in 2015; 664 name changes have been made, 110 splits, 83 plats, 35 mergers and 218 other documents. Boundary and annexation surveys have been forwarded to the Census Bureau, a valuation of property for Alarka, Tennessee and Tuckasegee Fire Departments were done as well as maps for state inspection of the Tuckasegee Fire District.

**Informal Discussion:** None

**Public Comments:** Kenneth Parton asked questions regarding requirements to be foster parents.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjourn. Vice-Chair Moon 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