

February 8, 2018– Regular Session

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Session on February 8, 2018 Present were Chairman Carson, Vice-Chair Bushyhead, Commissioner Burns, Commissioner Parton and Commissioner Parsons.

Chairman Carson called the regular session to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjust Agenda

Vice-Chair Bushyhead made a motion to adjust the agenda as needed. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Burns made a motion to move item c to a and add e and move number V to VI. Commissioner Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Bushyhead made a motion to approve minutes of the January 11 regular session and January 25 work session. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Tax Collector's Report

Peggy Hyde gave the Tax Collector's report to the Board for the month of January 2018. Ad-Valorem tax receivable was reported at \$5,649,937.34. There was \$806,214.84 collected for the month. Total collections year to date were \$5,869,385.39. The tax collection percentage year to date was 96.73%. Total releases were \$908.03, total discoveries were \$0 and total refunds were \$113.04. Vice-Chair Bushyhead made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Finance Officer's Report

Dean Kowal presented the Finance Officer's report for January 2018. Revenues for the month were \$1,887,820.84. Total revenue year to date is \$10,791,880.61. We have approximately 65.33% of revenues for 2017/2018 fiscal year. Expenditures for the month were \$1,071,271.49. Year to date we have expended \$9,419,300.45. We have paid out approximately 57.08% of the General Fund appropriations for 2017/2018 fiscal year. Commissioner Parsons made a motion to approve the Finance Officer's Report as presented. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Closed Session

Vice-Chair Bushyhead made a motion to go into closed session as called for under NCGS 143-318.11(a)(5) contract negotiations. Commissioner Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Vice-Chair Bushyhead made a motion to adjourn the closed session. Commissioner Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Chairman Carson noted no decisions were made at this time.

Action Items

-Women's History Month Proclamation: Vice-Chair Bushyhead mad a motion to approve the following proclamation:

**Proclamation
Women's History Month
March, 2018**

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background have made historic contributions to the growth and strength of our Nation in countless recorded and unrecorded ways; and

WHEREAS, American women have played and continue to play critical economic, cultural, and social role in every sphere of the life of the Nation by constituting a significant portion of the labor force working inside and outside of the home; and

WHEREAS, American women have played a unique role throughout the history of the Nation by providing the majority of the volunteer labor force of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, American women were particularly important in the establishment of early charitable, philanthropic, and cultural institutions in our Nation and

WHEREAS, American women of every race, class, and ethnic background served as early leaders in the forefront of every major progressive social change movement; and

WHEREAS, American women have served our country courageously in the military; and

WHEREAS, Despite these contributions, the role of American women in history has been consistently overlooked and undervalued, in the literature, teaching and study of American history;

Swain County, North Carolina recognizes and appreciates the increasingly critical work of women in the creation of a more fair and just society for all.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Swain County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of all residents of Swain County, does hereby proclaim March 2018 as **Women's History Month**, a time to recognize all women in Swain County whose tireless efforts continue to benefit the community

Proclaimed this 8th day of February, 2018

Phil Carson, Chairman
Swain County Commissioners

Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

-Hazard Mitigation Plan Update: David Breedlove gave an overview on Swain County's updates. Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the update as presented. Commissioner Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

-Bryson City Fire Department Contract: Vice-Chair Bushyhead made a motion to approve a contract where the Town provides fire protection through the Bryson City Fire Department through June 30, 2018. Commissioner Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

-Budget Amendment #4: Commissioner Burns made a motion to approve the following:
SWAIN COUNTY - BUDGET AMENDMENT #4

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, 2018:

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

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

Building and Grounds	15,000	
Jail	8,000	

General Fund Revenues

Transfer from School Capital		8,000
Appropriated Fund Balance		<u>15,000</u>
Total	<u>23,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>

As Clerk of the Board, I certify the Swain County Board of Commissioners in a Regular Session approved this budget amendment on February 8, 2018

Cindi Woodard, Clerk to the Board
Vice-Chair Bushyhead seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

-Audit Contract: Vice-Chair Bushyhead made a motion to approve Turner and Company CPAs P.A. to perform Swain County's annual audit for the year ending June 30, 2018. Commissioner Burns seconded the motion. A vote as unanimous.

New Business

- Syringe exchange program: Alison Cochran will research how other counties run their programs and report back to the Board.
- Rename Federal Building: tabled until next month.

Informal Discussion: The Board discussed the following:

- Kevin King asked the board to consider a couple dates for the budget retreat; March 6th or 12th
- Possibility of Solid Waste Department opening up on Saturday mornings to accept construction and building materials from residents.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Bushyhead made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Burns 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