

June 25, 2018 – Work Session

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a work session on June 25, 2018. Present were Chairman Carson, Vice-Chair Bushyhead, Commissioner Burns, Commissioner Parton and Commissioner Parsons.

Chairman Carson called the meeting to order.

Items for Discussion:

-Department Reports:

-Solid Waste: Scott Turpin presented the following: Solid Waste Report June 25, 2018
January thru June, we have seen an increase in refuse, an increase in the C&D and our recycling this year. We have added a fourth trailer to cover the increase. We have to dump our three c&ds 40 yards four times a week to the two 40 yards we have for larger items we dump two times a day once in the morning and once in the evening. We have seen an increase in our cardboard recycling. We dump our cardboard rolloff five times a week, on the weekend we take a 30 yard rolloff to help with the over flow of cardboard. We dump our metal rolloff four times a week, our glass rolloff every 10 days, the tv rolloff once a week, our single stream recycling compactor rolloff we change it out every week and half. This compactor contains plastic bottles, newspaper, aluminum cans, mixed paper, etc.

In the past six to eight months the Sanitation Department has lost six employees; three truck drivers and three site attendants. Some of the attendants has worked a 12 hour shift.

In April Lee Hill came and did an inspection on the transfer station and the LCID landfill. No fines or violations were given. Updates will be given in my January report on total tons of recycling and refuse.

Mr. Turpin noted he's lost 3 truck drivers and 3 man site operators, but currently has those positions replaced. He asked the Board to consider hiring a part time employee for his department for July – November.

-Register of Deeds: Diana Kirkland submitted the following:

The Register of Deeds Office took in a total deposit of \$122,354.50 from October 24, 2017 to June 21, 2018. Excise stamps were \$70,320.08 which was taken in on real estate transactions. We had a total of 80 marriages and have issued 712 vital records, including Birth, Marriages and Death Certificates. Since October 2017 we have taken in \$6124.00 in e-files. This is not including cancellations which have no charge. This process is going smoothly and we are still accepting MOUs from vendors with Simplefile and CSC.

We are still getting older books rebound that have pages falling out. Hopefully the budget for 2018-2019 still includes money to scan our delayed books as I want to get 16 volumes scanned and indexed of our Delayed Birth Certificates. Hopefully from my estimate it will be less than \$3000.00. This is with my office doing part of the work.

I attended a Conference for Register of Deeds in Raleigh in March. This is our education conference where we have our updates from our lobbyist and educational trainers. Our next Regional Conference is September 2018.

Lisa Coday, my Assistant attended a Regional workshop about Plats in Waynesville on June 13. Geraldine Gunter retired May 31, 2018. June 1 Dawn Letterman joined our Register of Deeds office as Deputy Register of Deeds. She will be an asset to our office.

-Mapping Department: Ruth Ann Sitton submitted the following:

Mapping GIS Department Report 6-21-2018

Property transfers in the first 5 months of 2018, Name changes 256, Splits 55, Plats 58, Merges 11, Other 19. Working with the Census, sending information for the upcoming census, I am the contact person for Swain County and Bryson City. Mailing Labels for the Bryson City Fire Department. Working with Tax Office, for the upcoming reval, sent shapefiles to Erin Ford with Eagle View. Purchase a new plotter for the Mapping|GIS Department. Have printed maps for Rocky Face, Panther Branch, 2 Cemetery Maps, Road Map, shapefiles for the Forest Service, Election Map, Grant Estates, Baines Mountain.

Informal Discussion:

-Saturday, Senator Tillis and Secretary Zinke have planned an event for Saturday, June 28, 2018 to present Swain County with the remainder of the settlement.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment

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