

**March 6, 2018 – budget work session**

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a budget work session on March 6, 2018. Present were Chairman Carson, Vice-Chair Bushyhead, Commissioner Burns, Commissioner Parton and Commissioner Parsons.

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

The Board discussed the 2018-2019 budget.

The following are some items discussed:

-Curtis Cochran – Sheriff’s Department: top priority is two additional School Resource Officers

-Scott Turpin – Solid Waste Department: new backhoe, shed over parked trailers, part time employee for summer, solid waste ordinance revisions needed

-Jim Brown – Recreation Department: presented a list of priorities, gym floor products, rhinoline substance for pool restroom floors and discussed advisory committee to be appointed

-Mitch Jenkins – Buildings/Grounds: library roof needs updated, Shaw Building roof, Senior Center parking area

-Kevin King noted Job Link will be moving into the Administration Building in April and Administration will be moving into the Federal building around July 1.

-David Breedlove – Emergency Management/E911/EMS: supply budget will increase due to higher costs for meds, etc., need replacement defibrillator, one truck needs replaced and another needs remounted. Mr. Breedlove relayed each year calls increase 10%. Discussed the need for a small satellite EMS base in the western end of the County to provide a quicker response time. This department is currently fully staffed with paramedics.

-Fire Departments need for volunteers; discussed possible stipends for Swain County personnel to receive training and join departments as a pilot program to later be mentioned to surrounding businesses for consideration of doing the same if successful.

-The switchboard operator is retiring and her position won’t be included in the budget, but an updated automated system will be.

-Reval for the Tax Office: Kevin King noted Stan Duncan has agreed to work with us as a consultant during this process.

-The Personnel Committee has scheduled a meeting to discuss employee incentives. Commissioner Parton wishes to be a part of this process.

**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,

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Clerk to the Board  
Swain County Commissioners

Phil Carson,  
Chairman  
Swain County Commissioners