

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF McDOWELL  
ADJOURNED MEETING-May 14, 2013**

**ASSEMBLY**

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in an adjourned meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in the Commissioners Board Room of the County Administration Building, for the purpose of continuing budget deliberations for the annual 2013-14 budget.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

David N. Walker, Chairman; Barry E. McPeters, Vice-Chairman, Michael K. Lavender; Randy Hollifield; and Joseph R. (Joe) Kaylor.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Charles R. Abernathy, County Manager; Ashley Wooten, Assistant to the County Manager; Terry Young, Emergency Management Director, Richard Simmons, Nebo Fire Chief and other firemen, and Terry Depoyster, Maintenance Director.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Walker called the meeting to order and noted that the purpose of the meeting was to continue meetings addressing the 2013-14 annual budget.

**BUDGET PRESENTATIONS**

Richard Simmons and Mike Fulbright with the Nebo Fire Department met with the Board concerning their budget request. The request did include the need to increase the fire tax rate for the Nebo District by one cent. The rate would increase from six to seven cents if approved. The representatives thoroughly reviewed their budget and their needs with focus on the desire to add a paid fireman for the day hours. The situation with response during the 8 hour working day had become critical and the department expressed concern regarding their ability to carry out the basic functions of response. The members of the Commission were sympathetic and expressed a desire to assist.

Terry Young presented his budget and focused on the need to complete the fire repeater on Dobson's Knob. It is believed that radio transmission problems will be greatly addressed with the completion of this project.

Terry Depoyster presented the needs to the maintenance department with considerable discussion of the numbers of buildings and the increased activity of his responsibilities. Mr. Depoyster did note the need for additional hours for trail maintenance and equipment. There was also considerable discussion regarding the

courthouse and the improvements needed with a new elevator, sheriff department upgrades at the courthouse and courtroom renovations. No action was taken was taken but it was agreed that the discussion would continue.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chairman thanked county staff for the presentations. The Board agreed to adjourn the budget meeting to Thursday, May 16, 2013 to continue the deliberations at 11:30.

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David Walker, Chairman

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Charles R. Abernathy  
Acting Clerk