

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF McDOWELL
ADJOURNED MEETING-May 16, 2013**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in an adjourned meeting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 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; Phillip Hardin, DSS Director, Dr. Jim Haney, President of the Carson House.

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

Phillip Hardin, the McDowell County DSS Director met with the Board to discuss his budget needs. Mr. Hardin reviewed his need for additional staff including Medicaid workers and an additional Child Protective Services worker. The director referenced the increase in workload and mandated requirements that had dramatically impacted the ability of the department to function. Mr. Hardin also referenced increased impacts to Foster Care, the LIEAP, increased telephone costs, and Rest Home Payments. Considerable discussion occurred on these various issues and no action was taken.

The next request came from Dr. James Haney with the Carson House. Dr. Haney thanked the Board for their support and provided an overview of Carson House activities. A great deal of discussion occurred on the goal of constructing a pavilion for receptions on the Carson House property. The pavilion was designed after similar historical structures that existed in this region in the early 19th century. This specific design incorporated an open air structure with an outdoor fireplace. The estimated cost for the structure was \$140,000. Dr. Haney was requesting \$10,000 in the 2013-14 and an additional \$10,000 in fiscal year 2014-15. The Board did not take formal action but did indicate a willingness to grant the request.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman thanked county staff for the presentations. The Board agreed to adjourn the budget meeting to Tuesday, May 21, 2013 to continue the deliberations at 11:30.

David Walker, Chairman

Charles R. Abernathy
Acting Clerk