

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RECESSED SESSION – June 30, 2023**

**Assembly**

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Friday, June 30, 2023, at 11:30 a.m., in the Commissioner’s Board Room, 69 N Main St., Marion, NC.

**Members Present**

Tony G. Brown, Chairman; David N. Walker, Vice-Chairman; Chris Allison; Patrick Ellis; Lynn Greene

**Members Absent**

None

**Others Present**

Ashley R. Wooten, County Manager; Victoria Craig, Clerk to the Board; Alison Bell, Finance Director

**Call to Order**

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

**FY 2024 Budget**

County Manager Ashley Wooten presented the budget that was given to the Board on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, with two changes: Probation rent (\$11,640) and public schools’ current expenses (\$100,000).

Vice-Chairman Walker commended staff on adding additional funds to the school system with a tight budget.

Mr. Wooten also addressed the request to fund the veterans’ transport program at \$7,500. He spoke on current transportation availabilities for veterans: McDowell County Transit, Disable American Veterans program, and Veteran Transportation Service

Commissioner Greene asked how long the contract would be for. Mr. Wooten informed him that it would be for one year that is renewed on an annual basis.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the \$7,500 for the Donald E. Davis Memorial Veterans Van Transportation System, seconded by Vice-Chairman Walker. There was a discussion on record-keeping for the funds. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Vice-Chairman Walker made a motion to approve the FY 2024 budget with the three additions of probation rent, public schools’ current expenses, and the veterans’ transport program, seconded by Commissioner Allison. There was a clarification on fee adjustments and

a discussion about a 5-year budgeting schedule. Commissioner Ellis requested an amendment to include a 5-year budgeting schedule. Vice-Chairman Walker motioned to amend the original motion by adding the 5-year budgeting schedule, seconded by Commissioner Allison. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

**FY 2023 Budget Amendments**

Commissioner Greene made a motion to approve the budget amendments as presented, seconded by Commissioner Allison. Vice-Chairman Walker asked for clarification on insurance. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Commissioner Ellis made a motion for staff to get the insurance carrier in to give the Board suggestions from both the employee side and the management side for the reduction of projected healthcare costs per employee, seconded by Vice-Chairman Walker. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

**Closed Session**

Commissioner Greene made a motion to go into Closed Session at 11:53 a.m. pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6), seconded by Commissioner Allison. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Commissioner Greene made a motion to go out of Closed Session at 1:03 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Greene made a motion to recess to next Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1:03 p.m., seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.

Attest:

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Victoria Craig  
Clerk to the Board

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Tony G. Brown  
Chairman