

February 12, 2008– Regular Session

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a regular session on Tuesday, February 12, 2008. Present were Chairman Jones, Vice-Chair Lindsay, Commissioner Monteith, Commissioner Carson and Commissioner Moon.

Chairman Jones called the regular session to order. Commissioner Moon led with prayer and the pledge.

Adjust Agenda

Vice-Chair Lindsay made a motion to adjust the agenda to better facilitate the meeting. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Minutes

Commissioner Carson made a motion to approve minutes from the January 8 regular session minutes. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Public Comments

Comments were received from the following:

Linda Hogue
Raleigh Grant
Virginia DeBord
John Herrin

Smoky Mountain Mental Health Update

Shelly Lackey gave an update for Smoky Mountain Mental Health informing the Board of a new crisis program for mental health patients allowing them inpatient beds at hospitals rather than being sent to Broughton. This allows people to stay within our region and there's a shorter waiting period. The program is working toward crisis beds for children with mental health needs as well. Haywood and Avery Counties are partnering with SMMH to make this possible.

Department reports:

Jeff Seiler presented a report to the Board for the Cooperative Extension programs. Tammy Cagle submitted a report for the Department of Social Services. For more information, please see the written reports.

Tax Collector's Report

Peggy Hyde, Tax Administrator, presented a report to the Board for the month of January. Ad-Valorem tax receivable was reported at \$4,038,367.68. There was \$794,752.27 collected for the month. Total collections year to date were \$4,540,189.95. The tax collection percentage year to date was 16.06%. Total releases were \$3,969.82, total discoveries were \$612.17 and total refunds were \$708.84. Commissioner Monteith made a motion to approve the Tax Collector's report as presented. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Finance Officer's Report

Vida Cody, Finance Officer, presented a report to the Board for the month of January. Mrs. Cody reported revenues for the month were \$1,223,771.77. Total revenue year to date is \$7,368,225.31. We have approximately 69.55% of revenues for 2007-2008 fiscal year. Expenditures for the month were \$1,270,393.76. Year to date we have expended \$6,796,802.20. We have paid out approximately 63.55% of the General Fund appropriations for 2007/2008 fiscal year. Commissioner Carson made a motion to approve the Finance Officer's report as presented. Commissioner Moon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Action Items

JCPC Resolution

Commissioner Carson made a motion to approve the following resolution:



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SWAIN

**A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUATION OF JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION
COUNCIL FUNDING**

WHEREAS, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) funding has been removed from the continuation budget for fiscal year 2008/2009 and is now subject to continuation review; and

WHEREAS, the non-recurring status of JCPC funding and subsequent continuation review will delay the annual appropriation and may result in the loss of qualified professionals to provide diversion and dispositional alternatives at the local level; and

WHEREAS, since 1977, the State of North Carolina and county governments have been partners in providing effective and necessary community based juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention services; and

WHEREAS, the JCPC funded programs of Swain County leverage in local support and federal support to augment funds provided by the state to provide these important services; and

WHEREAS, the JCPC funded programs of Swain County are supported by the efforts of a significant number of volunteers yearly; and

WHEREAS, The Swain County JCPC diligently carries out its charge of assessing community needs, planning for those needs to be met, recommending programs for funding to meet the needs and evaluating the performance of those programs; and

WHEREAS, the loss of JCPC program services in Swain County will result in court involved juveniles being without intervention and prevention services such as, (temporary shelter, restitution and community service, interpersonal skills, summer tutoring and academic enrichment, and home based family counseling services;) and

WHEREAS, a lack of sanction programs and dispositional alternatives in Swain County will result in the potential cost of thousands of dollars the county may be required to pay for juvenile detention intermittent confinement;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by The Swain County Board of Commissioners that they strongly endorse full reinstatement of funding for Juvenile Crime Prevention Council programs to the continuation budget and the allocation of additional funds to support legislative mandates to protect the community.

This the 12th day of February, 2008.

Glenn Jones, Chairman
Swain County Commissioners

Attest:

Cindi C. Woodard, Clerk
Swain County Commissioners

Vice-Chair Lindsay seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Closed Session: Commissioner Carson made a motion to go into closed session as called for under G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3).

Commissioner Moon made a motion to adjourn the closed session. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Chairman Jones announced there was no action taken at this time.

Informal Discussion

None

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carson seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi C. Woodard,
Clerk to the Board
Swain County Commissioners

Glenn Jones,
Chairman
Swain County Commissioners