

August 8, 2011 – Regular Session

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a regular session on August 8, 2011 at 6:35 p.m. Present were Chairman Carson, Vice-Chair White, Commissioner Monteith, and Commissioner Dixon. Commissioner Moon was absent due to illness.

Chairman Carson called the regular session to order. Commissioner Dixon led with prayer and the pledge.

Adjust Agenda

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adjust the agenda to better facilitate the meeting. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Minutes

Commissioner Moon made a motion to approve minutes of the July 11 work session, July 11 regular session, July 26 special work session and July 26 work session. A vote was unanimous.

Administrative Reports

Tax Collector’s Report: Peggy Hyde presented a report to the Board for the month of July, 2011. Ad-Valorem tax receivable was reported at \$4,363,924.60. There was \$64,857.26 collected for the month. Total collections year to date were \$64,857.26. The tax collection percentage year to date was .06%. Total releases were \$1,000.60. Total discoveries were \$2,037.69. Total refunds were \$31.06. Vice-Chair White made a motion to approve the Tax Collector’s report as presented. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Resolution – CDBG County Manager signatory: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the following resolution:



Resolution # 900-2011-12

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SWAIN**

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MANAGER TO EXECUTE CDBG AND USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT RELATED DOCUMENTS

The Swain County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves the following at a regularly assembled meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Swain County Board of Commissioners in session duly assembled, that the county manager as chief administrator of county government is hereby delegated to sign and execute all CDBG and USDA rural Development related documents.

Adopted this the 8th day of August 2011.

Phil Carson, Chairman
Swain County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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

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

CDBG – approval of stick built homes: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve stick built homes to be built through the CDBG rather than mobile homes. Vice-Chair White seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

6:46 p.m. Vice-Chair White made a motion to postpone the regular session for the scheduled budget public hearing. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

6:51 p.m. Commissioner Monteith made a motion to adjourn the budget public hearing and reconvene the regular session.

2011-2012 Budget: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adopt the 2011-2012 budget. Vice-Chair White seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Resolution – NC DOT Veteran’s Blvd.: Vice-Chair White made a motion to approve the following resolution:



Resolution # 900-2011-11

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SWAIN**

RESOLUTION REQUESTING FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CHANGE VETERANS BOULEVARD FROM SR1159 TO U.S. 19 CONNECTOR

The Swain County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves the following at a regularly assembled meeting:

WHEREAS the Swain County Board of Commissioners based on the recommendation of the North Carolina Department of Transportation request that Veterans Boulevard, SR 1159, be changed to US 19 Connector; and

WHEREAS, The above described road begins at the intersection of US 19 I Bryson City and ends at the intersection of US74; and

WHEREAS, the road will retain the name of Veterans Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, the road will become part of the State Primary Highway System; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Swain County Board of Commissioners that the Department of Transportation is hereby requested to change SR 1159 to US 19 Connector, and allow the road to retain the name of Veterans Boulevard.

Adopted this the 8th day of August 2011.

Phil Carson, Chairman
Swain County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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

Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Resolution – Duke Energy – opposing energy rate increase: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to the Utilities Commission:



Resolution # 900-2011-10

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF SWAIN**

**RESOLUTION OPPOSING DUKE POWERS REQUEST TO THE NORTH
CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION FOR RATE INCREASE FOR THE
CUSTOMERS OF THE NANTAHALA DIVISION OF DUKE POWER LOCATED IN
SWAIN COUNTY**

The Swain County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves the following at a regularly assembled meeting:

WHEREAS, Duke Power is a public utility located in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, Duke Power purchased NP&L and upgraded the NP&L systems. NP&L operating independently until 1998 when NP&L officially became the Nantahala Division of Duke Power; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners of Swain County and other groups in both Swain County and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was told that NP&L would always be independent of Duke Energy; and

WHEREAS, Duke Energy told the Board of Commissioners of Swain County and other groups in both Swain County and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians that the rates for the NP&L area would remain less than Dukes other areas due to the number of hydro production facilities in the NP&L region; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Swain County Board of Commissioners at its August 8, 2011 meeting, adopted this resolution opposing any rate increase for the citizens located in the Nantahala Division of Duke Energy area.

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded promptly by the Clerk to the Board to the North Carolina Utilities Commission and Duke Energy.

Adopted this the 8th day of August 2011.

Phil Carson, Chairman
Swain County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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

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

Appointments:
HCCBG: table

Nursing Home Board: Vice-Chair White made a motion to appoint Raymond DeHart. A vote was unanimous. Term expiration: 6-30-2014

CJPP: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to reappoint Kevin King, Steven Bryant and appoint Wayne Dover. Vice-Chair White seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous. Term expiration: 6-30-2014

EDC: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to reappoint Barbara Walls and appoint Gary Jennings, Mitch Carson with terms to expire 6-30-2014. Also to appoint Diane Cutler to finish out Julia Hunt's term to expire 6-30-2013. A vote was unanimous.

JCPC: Commissioner Monteith made a motion to appoint Curtis Graham. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous. Term expiration: 6-30-2014

Library Board: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to reappoint Fran Brooks and Chester Bartlett with their terms to expire 6-30-2014, also, appoint Myra Cloer to finish out Gwen bushyhead's term which expires 6-30-2013. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Region A Aging: Vice-Chair White made a motion to appoint Jane Allison, Connie Southard, Shelda Calhoun and Mike Kesselring. Commissioner Dixon seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous. Term expiration: 6-30-2014

Whittier Sanitary District Board: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to appoint Randy Nations. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous. Term expiration: 6-30-2014

GSMNP letter – Park Archives: The Board instructed Kevin King to prepare a letter requesting Park archives be kept in Bryson City rather than Townsend, Tennessee.

Informal Discussion: Kevin King gave an update on the following: Swain Transit providing transportation for SCC Early College students, History Wall and signage on the square.

Public Comments: Comments were received from Michael Keener and Bryan Kinsey

7:23 p.m. Closed Session: Commissioner Dixon made a motion to go into closed session as called for under G.S. 143-318.11 to discuss a personnel issue. A vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adjourn the closed session and return to the open meeting. A vote was unanimous.

Chairman Carson announced there were no decisions made during the closed session.

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Phil Carson,
Chairman
Swain County Commissioners