

**February 28, 2011 – work session**

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a work session on February 28, 2011. Present were Chairman Carson, Vice-Chair White, Commissioner Moon, Commissioner Monteith and Commissioner Dixon.

Chairman Carson called the meeting to order. Commissioner Moon led with prayer and the pledge.

**Items for discussion:**

**School presentation – Weather Forecasting:** Mr. Carnes from Swain County High School introduced Paige and John. Paige gave a presentation on sun spots and John gave a presentation on pacific decadal oscillation.

**DSS – Justin Greene:** Justin Greene, DSS attorney, instructed anyone wishing to address the DSS Board needs to submit a written request to Social Services prior to the meetings; last Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

**Implementation of 211 in Region A:** Fred Alexander and Mary Barker gave an update on 211 in our area. Approximately 110 people accessed 2-1-1 in Swain County. It provides local communities with access to multilingual health and human service information and referrals. Mr. Alexander stated that Duke Energy will contribute a matching grant toward this service.

**Southwestern Commission Area Agency on Aging: Role of committees and County's responsibilities:** Mary Barker relayed information to the Board about the role of committees and the County's responsibilities to the SW Commission area agency on aging.

**Cooperative Extension - Rob Hawk:** Mr. Hawk introduced himself as the director of Cooperative Extension and gave an update on the agency.

**Department Reports:** Department Reports were tabled for Solid Waste, DSS and Mapping Departments at this time.

**Public Comments:** none

**Adjournment**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Monteith seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

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Swain County Commissioners

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Swain County Commissioners