

December 12, 2019– Regular Session

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a Regular Session on December 12, 2019 Present were Chairman Bushyhead, Vice-Chair Burns, Commissioner Parton, Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Seagle.

Chairman Bushyhead called the regular session to order. Joe “Gunner” Vasquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Adjust Agenda

No adjustments.

Tax Collector’s Report

Kevin King read the Tax Collector’s report for the month of November 2019. Ad-Valorem tax receivable for was \$5,721,382.54. There was \$1,223,084.36 collected for the month. Total collections year to date were \$3,828,106.52. The tax collection percentage year to date was 57.85%. Total releases were \$208.72, total discoveries were \$0 and total refunds were \$6,315.33. Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to approve the report as submitted. Commissioner Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Budget Amendment #5

Commissioner Parsons made a motion to approve the following:

SWAIN COUNTY - BUDGET AMENDMENT #5

BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Board of the County of Swain, North Carolina, that the following amendment be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020:

SECTION 1. For the purpose of amending the adopted budget to reflect the following changes:

<u>Description</u>	Inc. Expenditures or Dec. Revenues	Inc.Revenues or Dec. Exp.
<u>General Fund</u>		
Recreation Department	23,000	
<u>General Fund Revenues</u>		
Appropriated Fund Balance		<u>23,000</u>
Total	<u>23,000</u>	<u>23,000</u>

As Clerk of the Board, I certify the Swain County Board of Commissioners in a Regular Session approved this budget amendment on December 12, 2019.

Cindi Woodard, Clerk to the Board

Commissioner Seagle seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Public Comments: None

Action Items

-Minutes: Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to approve minutes of November 14 regular session. Commissioner Seagle seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

-Health Department – present numbers and write-offs: Alison Cochran presented the following:

NC MedAssist

NC MedAssist was held on September 21, 2019. During event we were able to see 803 individuals. After event we handed out approximately 60 bags of medicines to clients who came to the health department that following week. Partnered with Swain County EM, Swain West Elementary and Swain County Sheriff’s Department. Also had a few county employees who helped with the set-up and day of event. During 2018 MedAssist event, the health department served 735 individuals.

Accreditation

Accreditation site visit was conducted on October 2-3, 2019. The health department missed I benchmark (missing certificate in employees file). Accreditation Team recommended the health department for Re-Accreditation with Honors,

Community Baby Shower

Community Baby Shower was held on October 22, 2019. There were 26 participants. Gave out 19 pack n plays, 6 boppy pillows/bath wash and 1 breast pump. In March 2019 held baby shower event - 50 participants; 4 car seats. 8 bassinets. 4 cribs, 22 pack n plays, 12 diaper bags/diapers/blankets.

Blue Ridge Health

Working on MOA with Blue Ridge Health. Health clinic will be at the health department on Monday, Tuesday? Thursday and Friday. Mobile dentist bus will also come to Swain County. Still working out the details on this project.

Grants

Great Smokies Health Foundation - Received \$1,000 to help with cancer screenings.

Applied thru the Nantahala Health Foundation for \$25,000 to continue dental clinic thru Dr. Ridgeway. Did receive funding for the dental clinic.

Applied thru Highlands-Cashiers Foundation for \$50,000 for "SeniorCare" project. Will help Swain Congregate supply more meals for individuals for lunch and possibly dinner as well as groceries for individuals on the program.

Sent Letter of Intent to Foundation for the Carolinas for continuation of dental clinic thru Dr. Ridgeway and support for Senior Care.

Family Planning RFA

Applied and received \$35,689 in federal monies for Title X and Women's Health Service Funds for every year for 3 years starting in June 2020.

NC Health Rankings

In 2018 Swain County was ranked 87th overall in county health rankings, as compared to 93rd in 2016. Health rankings are considered to be a population health checkup across the nation. They are based on health outcomes and health factors.

Health Behaviors include adult obesity, smoking, physical activity, etc. Clinical Care includes uninsured, primary care physicians, dentist, mental health, etc. Social/Economic Factors include high school graduation, unemployment, children in poverty, violent crimes, etc. Physical Environment includes air pollution, drinking water violations, severe housing problems, etc.

Commissioner Parton made a motion to approve the following write-offs as presented for 07/01/2017-06/30/2018: Family Planning: \$123.20 and Adult Health: \$66.00, compared to 16/17 \$568.00 and 213.00. Vice-Chair Burns seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

-Blue Ridge Health Lease/MOU: Commissioner Parsons made a motion to approve these two documents for a total of \$21,000/year for a one year term. Commissioner Parton seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

-Swain County Schools Energy Updates: Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to accept requested change on the energy savings resolution to 18 years rather than 15 for the contract. Commissioner Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

-League of Women Voters Resolution: Commissioner Seagle made a motion to approve the following:



**Swain County
North Carolina**

Resolution 900-2019-14

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE US CONSTITUTION GIVING WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND THE FOUNDING OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN NORTH CAROLINA

Whereas: an organized movement to enfranchise women began in July, 1848, at a convention in Seneca Falls, NY;

Whereas: through the efforts of brave and courageous women referred to as suffragists who sacrificed family, their personal life and their financial resources for over seventy years to gain equal rights for women, especially the right to vote;

Whereas: women and men, black and white, supported the woman's suffrage movement for women to gain the constitutional right of having a voice in making the laws that govern them;

Whereas: the woman's suffrage movement led to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in 1919; with ratification by the states by the summer of 1920;

Whereas: the National Woman's Suffrage Association dissolved in 1920 to create the League of Women Voters of the US to register voters and educate all voters;

Whereas: the League of Women Voters of North Carolina was launched on October 7, 1920, on the steps of the Guilford County Courthouse by Gertrude Weil, a politically active and tireless young woman from Goldsboro, NC;

Whereas: More than 120,000 women were registered to vote in North Carolina by 1920;

Whereas: women today constitute a majority vote in our state and the US and are running for office in higher numbers and more active in the election process than ever before in history;

BE IT RESOLVED that the 100th anniversary of women gaining the right to vote and the founding of the League of Women Voters in the United States and in North Carolina is recognized for the impact these historic accomplishments have on citizen engagement and the civic life of the community, the state and the nation.

Ben Bushyhead, Chairman
Swain County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Cindi C. Woodard, Clerk to the Board
Swain County Commissioners
Vice-Chair Burns seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

-Personnel Committee: Table

County Manager's Report

- Updates on pool; plans to fix the liner and use \$100,000 toward future improvements
- Met with Danny, Roger and Wells & West to come up with more options for a new library space
- Possibility of a method to save energy; switch to Daikin System and save a lot of energy and money
- Looking into a courthouse feasibility study to possibly add another court room

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Parton: Asked for Fox Run Ridge property update; sold to Ted Moore Jr.

Commissioner Parsons: Met with the Family Resource Center, The Giving Spoon, special school board meeting, Gilmer Breedlove re: Needmore Road, attended the employee dinner, attended the Governor's Budget meeting at the Marianna Black Library, RPO meeting/Southwestern Commission, Four Square meeting, met with Wells/West and plan to attend the next TDA meeting January 8th at the Museum.

Vice-Chair Burns: Attended a broadband meeting; they're working on a map to show where fiber is located, attended C4C meeting and tomorrow food baskets will be distributed

Commissioner Seagle: attended the TDA meeting and Juvenile Crime Prevention meeting.

Chairman Burns: recommends an emergency action plan be created for the Administration Building, announced MANNA distribution December 20th at SCC, Almond Center and encouraged everyone to attend, met with GSMNP – they are planning repair work at Deep Creek and will be getting a schedule to us soon.

Closed Session

None

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Seagle seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindi C. Woodard
Clerk to the Board
Swain County Commissioners

Ben Bushyhead
Chairman
Swain County Commissioners