

June 27, 2019 – Work Session

The Swain County Board of Commissioners held a work session on June 27, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Bushyhead, Vice-Chair Burns, Commissioner Parton, Commissioner Parsons and Commissioner Seagle.

Joe “Gunner” Vasquez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Bushyhead called the work session to order.

Items for Discussion:

Department Reports

Register of Deeds: Diana Kirkland presented the following:

The Register of Deeds Office from January 1, 2019 thru part of June 21, 2019 took in a total deposit of \$98,859.00. Excise Stamps (2.00 per thousand of the purchase price) were \$57,988.00 for this time period. We took in \$8797.00 in e-filing which seems to be becoming more common with closing done out of town. Our office issued 64 marriage licenses, \$7,240.00 for vitals and \$210.00 for Electronic Birth Registrations.

I have also started scanning delayed birth certificates. These are birth records issued to individuals who did not have a birth certificate issued at time of birth. Logan's scanned our first 10 books which we are in the process of indexing . When this is completed we will have all our births and death scanned.

I attended an education Legislative School in Raleigh in March of this year and have sent Dawn To a mapping regional school and Dawn and Lisa to a District Educational School in Morganton. do like for all of us to keep up with any and all laws that pertain to our office.

Vice-Chair Burns made a motion to accept the report as given. Commissioner Parsons seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Mapping Department: Ruth Ann Sitton presented the following:

Property transfers for the months of January, was 112, February, was 93, March, was 101, April was 70, and May was 97. This is a total for name change, merge, splits, plats and other. Maps and List of owners for Fontana Ridge, Blue Mist Mountain. List of owners with houses for Fontana Lake Estate, Skycove and Rockledge. Maps for the Town of Bryson City. Names and address for the Bryson City Fire Dept. for their letter drive. Working with reval, checking Tax roll and maps to make sure that acres are the same, giving them additional views of data, water and sewer, 3-phase power line, called Duke Energy to see if they had a layer for the power lines, but they can't give the out because of Home Land Security. I am working on pitting that own our maps.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion to accept the report as given. Commissioner Seagle seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

Recreation Department: Jim Brown submitted the following report: 2019 Mav/ June quarterly Swain County day camp began June 12 and run for 8 weeks until August 9. We have 71 campers this summer. The campers will go on field trips on Tuesday and Thursdays. Mondays ,Tuesdays and Fridays are pool days. Our camp will be using the rec center as a home base. We work with Swain schools on reading camp and art camp during the summer. Swain extension and 4H work on kids projects. The Swain county pool opened on Memorial Day weekend. The pool will be open all summer 7 days a week until August 17. We have 3 two week sessions full for swim lessons and have adult laps swim everyday . We are offering aqua aerobics this summer, morning sessions. We've almost completed the playground renovations. We did open the playground on Memorial day week end to the public. Old mulch was removed, drain lines added and new sod was put down. A block wall was added to the playground on the road side to help shore up the dirt added to level the ground better. Some of the play structures were re-positioned with borders and rubber mulch. More rubber will be needed to put all finishing touches on the project.

We redid the three entrance flower beds with new flowers and new mulch in time for memorial day opening at the recreation dept. Recreation Dept co-ed softball league has 8 teams this season. We have 4 games each Thursday. The league began May 9. Youth cheer leading registration began back on May 1. We held registration for 6 weeks. The uniforms have been ordered. We have 41 girls signed up. Youth football registration began in June and will go until July 29. Practices being on July 29 and the season will begin on August 17.

Commissioner Seagle made a motion to accept the report as given. Vice-Chair Burns seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

The Giving Spoon's Request for Funds: Tabled

WNC 7 County Summit: Kaye McConnell informed and invited everyone to attend the following:

Recovery Alliance Initiative's 7 County Western NC Community Summit

August 16, 2019 8:30 am - 4:00 pm First Baptist Church Bryson City, NC

Please mark your calendars for August 16th! Leaders representing all sectors of the(in the 7 Western North Carolina counties will come together to share the challenges they face daily addressing issues surrounding prevention, treatment, and recovery support for those suffering from opioids and other Substance Use Disorders. Leaders from Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain counties will gather with State leadership as well as agencies and organizations throughout the State to share ideas, collaborate and provide support for solution-based action plans. Each community and their specific challenges are unique, and so is the solution, therefore it is critical to have key leadership from your community present for this

collaboration. I will be contacting you in the coming weeks to discuss who else you feel is a leader in your sector and would be willing to work collaboratively to effect change. Meanwhile, please visit our website '7 to learn more about Recover)' Alliance's mission and to see the work that is currently taking place in communities Statewide. I look forward to meeting each of you,

Vaya Health: Shelly Foreman gave an update on the Care for NC Campaign; a new statewide campaign with a transformative impact on North Carolina's person-first community-based approach to public behavioral health. Ms. Foreman shared the General Assembly's proposed budget cuts for Vaya Health, gave an overview of Senate Bill 630, which would allow a revision of IVC Laws to improve behavioral health and relayed information on the local crisis services plan focus group.

Appointments: Commissioner Parton made a motion to appoint the following for 3 year terms to expire June 30, 2022:

-Board of Equalization and Review: Bob Miller

-Broadband Committee : Melanie McCullough

-Dangerous Dogs Review Board: Tom Cunningham, Mitch Jenkins, Misty Tabor, Jack Walls

-Erosion & Sediment Control Board: Harold Collins, Cam Carson

-Four Square Board: Roger Parsons

-Human Services Advisory Board: Randal Castor, Kevin King, Heather Parton, David Breedlove, Teddy Peterson, Connie Southard, Louise Thomas

-Juvenile Crime Prevention Council: Kim Castano, Justin Greene, Misti Jones, Kevin King, Dean Kowal, Mark Pilon, Debi Hyatt, Tanner Lawson

-Marianna Black Library: Nancy Gibson, Ellen Snodgrass

-Nursing Home/CAC: Beverly English

-Region A Aging Council: Kate Welch

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

-Tourism Development Authority:

Commissioner Parsons made a motion to reappoint Ron Larocque. Commissioner Seagle seconded the motion. This appointment was made with 4 voting aye and Commissioner Parton voting nay.

Commissioner Parton made a motion to appoint Cheryl Taylor. Vice-Chair Burns seconded the motion. The appointment was made with 3 voting aye, Commissioner Parsons and Seagle voting nay.

Ron Larocque, Eugene Shuler and Ed Ciociola expressed their desires to be appointed as Chair to the Tourism Development Authority.

Commissioner Parton made a motion to appoint Ed Ciociola as Chair for the TDA. This motion died due to the lack of a second.

Commissioner Parsons made a motion to appoint Ron Larocque to serve as interim Chair until the July 11 regular session, allowing the Board a chance to meet with the TDA to hear issues and concerns. Commissioner Parton seconded the motion. A vote was unanimous.

County Managers Report: No report.

Commissioners Items

Commissioner Parsons- Relayed Job Corp will remain open and recommended the Board consider a resolution in support of keeping it open, he visited the aquarium, the building at SCHS is coming along and the Rec. Park playground improvements look great.

Commissioner Parton – None

Vice-Chair Burns – Broadband Committee is working on an additional grant, checking on 911 addresses for rental cabins to see what kind of broadband they have.

Commissioner Seagle – The Multi Purpose Building at the SCHS will be going up soon, visited with several departments, meeting with Jim Brown at the Rec. Park tomorrow, meeting with VAYA Health soon, participated in the Restoration House golf tournament fundraiser.

Chairman Bushyhead – Joe Sam Queen is in support of B534, SB 790 has been sent to the Committee on Indian Affairs, attended and spoke at the Elder’s Awareness Walk and Senior Center spaghetti dinner fundraiser.

Gunner extended an invitation for everyone to drive up Kirkland’s Creek this weekend to see his display of the Beacoup Flags on display for the 4th of July.

Public Comments: None

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss at this time, Commissioner Parsons 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