

**MITCHELL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**MINUTES**

**REGULAR SESSION**

**APRIL 7, 2014**

**NORTH CAROLINA**

**MITCHELL COUNTY**

The Mitchell County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on April 7, 2014, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Conference Room, Administration Building, Bakersville, NC. Those present for the meeting were: Bill Slagle, Chairman; Joe Street, Vice-Chairman; Keith Holtsclaw, Member; Ken Hollifield, Member; Rickey McKinney, Member; Charles Vines, County Manager and Kathy Young, Clerk to the Board. Also present were: Mavis Parsley and Andy Mendhenk, Reporter with the Mitchell-News Journal.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Commissioner Slagle called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. **INVOCATION** – Commissioner Street gave the invocation.
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Boy Scout 505 led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **ETHICS AWARENESS AND CONFLICT OF INTEREST REMINDER:**  
*In accordance with the State Government Ethics Act, it is the duty of every Board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearance of conflict. Does any board member have any known conflicts of interest or appearances of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Board? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved.*
5. **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – None.
6. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Commissioner Holtsclaw moved to adopt the Agenda. Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
7. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Commissioner Holtsclaw moved to approve the Minutes for March 3, 2013. Commissioner McKinney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/BOARD COMMENTS** – Linda Dahl stated there would be a Charter Bus going to the Senate Debate on April 22, 2014 if anyone was interested in attending.

## 9. REPORT/PRESENTATIONS

A. **Senior Tar Heel Legislature Update** – Norma Duncan, Senior Tar Heel Legislature stated the Senior Tar Heel Legislature had adopted the three following resolutions from the Health/Wellness Committee:

- **Resolution 1 - Enhance dental care for North Carolina's Adult special care population.** North Carolina has no statewide oral health system to provide for its elderly population and individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities that need special care. Existing mobile dentistry units have demonstrated their effectiveness in improving dental health of the long-term care population. We urge the General Assembly to: 1) maintain current adult Medicaid dental benefits; 2) provide equitable reimbursement to Medicaid dental providers; 3) add additional mobile dentistry units in the coming years; 4) expand dental schools (ECH and UNC-CH) special care curricula; and 5) provide continuing education courses on special care dentistry for health care professionals.
- **Resolution 2 – Maintain Medicaid Optional Services.** Make no additional cuts to Medicaid optional services for older adults and persons with disabilities other than those reductions scheduled for 2013. Optional services include, but are not limited to: dental care; eye care and eyeglasses; prescription drugs; occupational, physical and speech therapies; hospice; prosthetics and orthotics; podiatry services; community alternative programs; personal care services; mental health services; and rehabilitation services.
- **Resolution 3 – Eliminate negligent care of the mentally ill in North Carolina.** Appropriate resources to establish a Transition to Community Living Fund, to help move individuals with mental illness into community living arrangements, while implementing the state's plan to provide short-term assistance to adult care homes as they shift into a key component of the state's transition to Living Initiative. Establish a Blue Ribbon Commission on Transitions to Community Living to: 1) examine the state's system of community housing and community supports for people with mental illness and intellectual and developmental disabilities; 2) develop a plan to avoid colocation (mixing) of populations and provide adequate mental health care with dignity, choice, and independence; and 3) provide education at all levels, regarding mental health issues.

Mrs. Duncan discussed the importance of the Meals on Wheels program. She stated that it not only provided them with a meal but provided much need companionship. A copy of the material provided to the Board is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes.

B. **Boy Scout Troop 505** – Chairman Slagle recognized Joe Miller 505 Troop Leader. Mr. Miller introduced the members of Boy Scout Troop 505.

## 10. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

A. **Resolution Recognizing Mayland Community College** - Commissioner Hollifield moved to adopt the Resolution Recognizing Mayland Community College (a copy is hereby attached and becomes a part of the minutes). Commissioner Holtsclaw seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Dr. Boyd invited the Board to attend the Manufacturing Day to be held at Mayland Community College.

**B. Dates for Board of Equalization & Review** – Commissioner Street moved to set May 16<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the 23<sup>rd</sup> as the dates for the Board of Equalization and Review. Commissioner McKinney seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**C. May Meeting Date** – Commissioner Street moved to change the May meeting to May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. National Library Week 2014**

**B. Smoky Mountain's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Finance Report for FY 2013-2014**

**C. Home & Community Care Block Grant for Older Adults Budget Amendment**

**D. SAFRAN Maintenance & Support Agreement 003773-000 and LiveScan Station**

**E. Southern Software Support Agreement Records Management**

**F. Releases/Refunds/Discoveries for March 2014**

**G. Vehicles/Releases/Refunds**

Commissioner Street moved to approve the Consent Agenda (a copy of the Consent Agenda Items are hereby attached and become a part of the minutes). Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

**12. COUNTY MANAGER'S REPORT** – County Manager Vines reminded the Board of the County Assembly Day in Raleigh on May 28<sup>th</sup>. He stated the tax collection rate was 93.36% as of this afternoon. He informed the Mitchell High Show Choir were State Champions. They received a 97.5 rating.

**13. BOARD COMMENTS** – Commissioner Hollifield thanked Norma and Charles Duncan for the work they were doing and told Boy Scout Troop 505 he was proud of them.

Commissioner Holtsclaw stated that Greg Franklin does an outstanding job for Mitchell County and that the Board of Education got a lot of work out of him for free.

Norma Duncan stated she wanted to thank the Board of Commissioners. She stated that they worked well together and were very professional. She said that we should hold them up in prayer and to our friends and communities.

Chairman Slagle reminded the Board of the event at Buck Stove on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. to recognize Bob Timberlake as a friend of Mitchell County. He stated the Board would be attending a reception recognizing elected officials in Asheville on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Claudia Honeycutt will be speaking at this reception. Chairman Slagle stated the Board would be recognizing the Mitchell High Wrestling Team and the Mitchell High Show Choir at a later date.

**14. ADJOURNMENT** - Commissioner McKinney moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hollifield seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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**Bill Slagle, Chairman**

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**Joe Street, Vice-Chairman**

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**Ken Hollifield, Member**

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**Keith Holtsclaw, Member**

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**Rickey McKinney, Member**

**ATTEST:**

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**Kathy Young, NCCCC Clerk to the Board**