

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners met in a Board Retreat on Friday, March 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in the Linville Board Room, Cannon Memorial Hospital, 434 Hospital Dr., Linville, NC 28646.

Members Present: Kenny Poteat, Chairman; Phyllis Forbes, Vice-Chair; Scott Heath; Martha Hicks; Glenn Johnson

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Robert Wiseman, County Manager; Tim Greene, Finance Officer

Call To Order

Chairman Poteat called this meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.
Glenn Johnson led prayer.

Budget Meetings

Tentatively, the Budget Meetings will be set for April 28, 2011; May 16, 2011 after regular meeting; May 19, 2011 and May 23, 2011. The Board of Commissioners will meet with the Fire Commission on May 19, 2011 along with the Sheriff and Board of Education. There was discussion regarding the Fire Commission's budget.

Tax Collector Position

Robert Wiseman, County Manager, stated that Mary Daniels had announced her retirement as of June 30, 2011. There was discussion regarding the Tax Collector's Department and restructuring this department and the Tax Assessor's Department.

Recess

There was a brief recess.
Chairman Poteat called the retreat back in order after a brief recess.

Banner Elk School Disposition

Chairman Poteat stated that recently there was a meeting with citizen input regarding the Banner Elk School Disposition. The bottom line is that there is a school that will become the property of Avery County and there is not a specific use and so it will be for sale in the near future. There have been four professional appraisals. There was discussion regarding the different ways that the Banner Elk School could be disposed of. The County Manager was instructed to talk with the County Attorney to research where Avery County has the right to reject any and all bids and the scenario that no minimum bid is set by Avery County. There will be more discussion regarding this after the County Attorney has had time to research this which would possibly be at the next retreat.

Recess

There was a recess for lunch.
Chairman Poteat called the retreat back in order after lunch.

Budgetary Items

There was discussion regarding the possibility of increasing expenses for the County as a result of mandates from the legislature. There was also discussion regarding the fiscal year budget for 2011/2012.

Jail/Jailers

Discussion regarding the amount of jailers that may be needed to staff the new jail.

Upcoming Meetings

A board retreat was scheduled for March 28, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. at the Linville Room, Cannon Memorial Hospital and then the meeting will reconvene in the Commissioners Board Room for a webinar regarding broadband at 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn

Motion by Scott Heath and second by Glenn Johnson to adjourn this meeting at 2:39 p.m. Motion unanimous.

**Kenny Poteat, Chairman
Avery County Board Of Commissioners**

ATTEST: _____
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk