

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and take action on a Resolution supporting the application for grant funding under the Public Safety Answering Points or PSAP's Grant Program adopted by the North Carolina 911 Board.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Maxine Laws, Vice-Chair; Reo Griffith; Faith Lacey; Blake Vance

Members Absent: None

Call To Order

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m. Chair Hicks read aloud the Special Meeting notice and stated that nothing would be discussed in this meeting except what was read on the notice.

Tim Greene, County Manager, explained that Mitchell County E911 Center is in mobile units. They are in the process of trying to get a grant to build a new E911 center with E911 monies. The way they are approaching it is that they want to also use it as a regional backup center like we did with Burke County. Mitchell County is trying to make it a regional backup for McDowell, Avery and Yancey. This resolution is in support of that. It would not cost us any money.

Jamey Johnson, Avery County E911 Director, stated that Mitchell County's E911 center is in a doublewide. When we were doing backups they got behind on it. You have to have backups in place by June 30th of this year. They have no one to help them with this. They have a good chance with getting this grant. It does not cost Avery County anything. It will serve as another backup and you can't have too many of those. It does cost us at Burke County for the backup. This will cost a maintenance agreement only. They are hoping to get the grant by September. 95% of the equipment is going to be surcharge eligible. For Avery County this is a win-win. We are in an agreement with Burke County for two years and we have to help pay for the one in Burke County.

Jamey Johnson said he didn't think that there is going to be much of an expense for this. Commissioner Griffith questioned if at some time Avery County will scrap the agreement with Burke County. Mr. Johnson said that in two years if Mitchell is up and running we would look at that. Mr. Greene stated that this is basically E911 center money.

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Faith Lacey to adopt the Resolution Supporting the Application for a Grant from the North Carolina 911 Board for Mitchell County. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).

Maxine Laws entered the meeting at 2:54 p.m.

Motion by Blake Vance and second by Maxine Laws to adjourn this meeting at 2:55 p.m. Motion unanimously approved.

Martha Hicks, Chair
Avery County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST: _____
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk