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PRESS RELEASE

FOR: IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: Yancey County Commissioners Meeting

CONTACT: J. JASON ROBINSON, CLERK TO THE BOARD

DATE: 2-9-16

**YANCEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HEAR ABOUT VARIOUS TOPICS AT THEIR
FEBRUARY MEETING**

Yancey County Commissioners heard reports on various topics at their February regular meeting and took action on a number of items.

The Board heard from Toe River Health District Director Lynda Kinnane. Ms. Kinnane gave an update concerning the financial situation of the health district as well as some opportunities for improvements in the future.

The Board also heard from Dr. John Boyd with Mayland Community College concerning the Connect NC Bond referendum that is going to be on the ballot for the March 15th primary. Dr. Boyd talked to the Board about the benefits that this bond referendum will have for Mayland Community College. Dr. Boyd informed the Board that Mayland would be receiving over \$4.6 million in needed repair and maintenance at the college. Mount Mitchell State Park is also slated to receive \$600,000 from the bond proceeds and an additional \$309 million will be set aside for local governments to improve and expand water and sewer systems throughout the state.

In other business, the Board recognized the Yancey County Rescue Squad and all volunteer fire departments in Yancey County for their dedication and selfless service during Winter Storm Jonas. The winter storm hit Yancey County with more than a foot of snow in most areas of the county from January 21st until January 24th. The Commissioners stated that they wished to express their sincere appreciation and gratitude to these volunteers who help make a difference in the community.

The Board also adopted a pawn broker ordinance to govern the business of pawn shops, cash converters and similar located outside of the Town of Burnsville's limits. This ordinance is required by North Carolina statute to be adopted by the Board of County Commissioners if a pawn broker wishes to open a business within the unincorporated areas of the county. The ordinance became effective upon its adoption.

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RESOLUTION

Expressing Appreciation to the Yancey County Rescue Squad and all Volunteer Fire Departments during Winter Storm Jonas

WHEREAS, Winter Storm Jonas impacted Yancey County with ice and more than a foot of snow in most areas of the County during January 21, 2016 until January 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Yancey County Rescue Squad, and all volunteer fire departments had volunteers on duty throughout the duration of the storm; and

WHEREAS, the Yancey County Rescue Squad and all volunteer fire departments provided support for essential emergency services while selflessly volunteering their time during this major winter storm without regard for their own comfort.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners, that the Board expresses its most sincere gratitude and appreciation for the selfless commitment demonstrated to the citizens of Yancey County by the Yancey County Rescue Squad and all volunteer fire departments. Their sense of community and dedication is hereby commended and acknowledged for a job well done.

ADOPTED this the 8th Day of February, 2016.

(County Seal)



Johnny Riddle, Chairman

Jill Austin, Vice-Chair

Byrl Ballew, Commissioner

Randy Ollis, Commissioner

Jeff Whitson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board



RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING CONNECT NC BOND ACT

WHEREAS North Carolina and its counties have a mutual desire to improve and enhance the quality of life for all of our state's citizens; and

WHEREAS the North Carolina Community College System is in need of new and renovated facilities to educate and prepare students and workers for the 21st century for the purpose of enhancing the economic attractiveness of the State; and

WHEREAS clean water and sewer systems are essential to attract new and strengthen existing industry and to provide for the needs of the State and its growing population; and

WHEREAS having parks and public facilities accessible to children and veterans with disabilities is essential to improving the quality of life for our most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS financing these costs through a bond is the most economical and affordable way to address these infrastructure needs; and

WHEREAS the Connect NC Bond Act will provide funding for many critical needs facing North Carolina that will improve and enhance the quality of life in our counties;

WHEREAS Mayland Community College is scheduled to receive nearly \$4.7 million in funds and Mt. Mitchell State Park is scheduled to receive \$600,000 in funds from the Connect NC bond referendum for needed repairs and upgrades.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners as follows:

1. That the Board of Commissioners does hereby express its support for the Connect NC Bond Act.
2. That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the leadership and the Yancey County members of the General Assembly and to Governor Pat McCrory to let them know of our support for this issue.
3. That this Resolution is effective upon adoption.

ADOPTED this the 8th day of February 2016 by the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners.

(county seal)



Attest:

J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board

Johnny Riddle, Chairman

Jill Austin, Commissioner

Byrl Ballew, Commissioner

Randy Ollis, Commissioner

Jeff Whitson, Commissioner