

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION – June 8, 2026**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, June 8, 2026, in the Commissioners' Board Room, 69 N. Main Street, Marion, NC.

Members Present

Chairman, Tony Brown; Vice-Chair, Lynn Greene; Patrick Ellis, Trisha Garner, and David Walker

Members Absent

None

Others Present

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Madalyn Robinson, Clerk to the Board; Fred Coats, County Attorney; Alison Bell, Finance Director

Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 4:04 pm.

Budget Workshop Discussion

Mr. Wooten began by discussing the budget presentation on May 29th. The budget public hearing is scheduled for June 15th at 11:30 am.

Mr. Wooten discussed the changes and technical corrections since 5-29-2026 (All applied to the fund balance Appropriation):

Reduction:

Parks & Rec Debt Keying Error: -34,928

DSS Debt Keying Error: -\$59,302

Addition:

Tax Adjustment 1: +\$4,494

Tax Adjustment 2: +\$6,100

Senior Center State Reduction: +\$50,000

Library State Aid Reduction: +\$6,084

Updated Fund Balance Appropriation: \$894,635

Chairman Brown asked for the amount generated by the one-quarter sales tax. \$1.5 million would be generated from this. Commissioner Ellis thinks it's fair to recommend the quarter-cent sales tax and let people vote for what they'd like.

Commissioner Walker asked about educating the public on the quarter-cent sales tax referendum. Staff can educate about a referendum; however, no county can spend county money for advocacy. A description of the tax cannot be added to the ballot.

The Board discussed the cost of waste collection. Vice-Chair Greene asked about imposing the household trash fee and providing discounts for the elderly. Vice-Chair Greene asked whether the private contractor revenue was included and whether the school system had a private contractor for trash pickup. Chairman Brown stated that there should be a tipping fee implemented and suggested looking at charging the City for waste disposal.

Commissioner Garner asked about the new positions to be added in the upcoming year and the rate of insurance in previous years.

Adjournment

The Board agreed to continue budget discussions at the end of the 5 p.m. meeting. Commissioner Walker made a motion to Adjourn at 4:51 pm, seconded by Commissioner Ellis. By a vote of 5-0, the motion passed.