

**Surry County Board of Commissioners**  
**Transacting Business of the Surry County**  
**Department of Social Services**  
**Minutes of March 21, 2017 Meeting**

The Surry County Board of Commissioners met in session at 1:30 p.m. on March 21, 2017 to consider social services issues. The meeting was held in the County Commissioners' Meeting Room, Surry County Government Center, Dobson, North Carolina.

Present were Vice-Chairman Van Tucker, Commissioner R.F. "Buck" Golding, Commissioner Larry Johnson and Commissioner Larry Phillips.

Chairman Eddie Harris was unable to attend.

Also present were:

Susan Campbell, Social Services Attorney  
 Conchita Atkins, Clerk to the Board  
 Sandy Snow, Assistant County Manager for Human Resources and Operations  
 Kristy Preston, Social Services Director  
 Social Services Supervisors and staff.

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Vice-Chairman Tucker called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

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Upon motion of Commissioner Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Golding, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

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Kristy Preston, Social Services Director, briefed the Board on the following Social Services matters:

- Key Performance Indicators for Food and Nutrition Services, Medicaid, Special Assistance, Work First, Public Assistance Applications, Child Support Enforcement, Program Integrity, Adult Services, Child Protection Services, Foster Care and Adoptions and Subsidized Child Care Services.
- North Carolina Child Welfare Achievements.

Ms. Preston discussed a vehicle use policy. The vehicles are used to transport foster children and elderly to designated locations. Ms. Preston stated some employees use personal vehicles to transport individuals.

Sandy Snow stated the County is updating the driver policy county-wide.

Ms. Preston stated Social Services utilizes YVEDDI for Medicaid and WorkFirst transports.

Upon motion of Commissioner Golding, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Vehicle Use Policy.

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Commissioner Phillips discussed Medicaid and the Able-Bodied Adult Program funding sources. Commissioner Phillips stated it could affect local Social Services. Commissioner Phillips asked Ms. Preston if they still do site visits for foster children. Ms. Preston stated the children are seen by a social worker three or four times per month. Commissioner Tucker asked about out-of-State service visits. Ms. Preston stated there are two children out-of-State.

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Ann Slate, Income Maintenance Supervisor, gave an update on Food and Nutrition Services-Able Bodied Adults without Dependents Program. Ms. Slate stated the program is ages 18 through 49 and is living in a household without a dependent and is unable to work. The program is receiving Food and Nutrition Services for a three-month time limit within a thirty-six month period. North Carolina will use a fixed clock to measure the three-year period. The fixed clock period is January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2018. Once the recipient has used three-months, they become ineligible for the remaining fixed clock period unless they regain eligibility by meeting the Able-Bodied Adult Without Dependents requirements or an exemption. Ms. Slate discussed the requirements and exemptions. Ms. Slate stated that if the recipients do not work 80 hours per month they lose their benefits. Work can be paid employment, self-employment, approved volunteer work, work in exchange for goods or services and community service ordered by the court. Ms. Slate shared places that recipients can complete their work hours.

Commissioner Johnson asked if Surry County would qualify for work hours.

Commissioner Golding expressed concerns regarding repeated substance abuse.

Commissioner Phillips stated that education is important.

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Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Golding, the Board voted unanimously to go into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1).

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The Board came out of closed session and resumed regular business.

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There was no further business to come before the Board.

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Upon motion of Commissioner Phillips, seconded by Commissioner Johnson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn. The meeting ended at 2:50 p.m.

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Conchita Atkins  
Clerk to the Board