

**NCMC personnel holds regular monthly meeting**

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Numerous employments or transfers were approved last (Tuesday) evening by Trustees of North Central Missouri College. Two staff resignations were accepted. The board adopted the tax levy, accepted bids for construction of the Barton campus entrance sign, and adopted a policy on random drug-testing of student athletes. The director for the office of development presented reports on a golf tournament and the holiday hoops basketball event,

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With the recommendation by the Workforce Investment Board, Cory Crawford of Trenton was hired as business services specialist and job developer beginning on September 4th. The office for the northwest region is at 912 Main in Trenton.

Green Hills Head Start Policy Council recommended, and trustees approved, the transfer of Sue Ewigman from Linn County home visitor to the position of Education coordinator, replacing DeLynda Payne. Replacing Ms. Ewigman as Linn County home visitor is Jamie Matheney of Callao, a past Head Start parent.

Other employments included Ryan Suttentfield as men's residence life coordinator and assistant baseball coach; Kitty Daugherty as Ketcham Center facilities coordinator and assistant softball coach; Jenna Vandel moves to advising coordinator; Tonya Arndt begins as student services coordinator; Kendra Cox moves to admissions representative; Macey Tipton moves to advisor/testing coordinator, and Annabelle Smith will be a library assistant.

One other hire, Evelyn Thomas of rural Unionville will be director of health information management, a new program within nursing. Her salary as administrator is 60 thousand dollars.

Trustees accepted the resignation, effective September 7th, from Dana Nelson as the Mo-Health Wins administrator to accept an offer from Truman Medical Center. Mo-Health Wins is funded by a Department of Labor grant to community colleges.

Jill Rogers has resigned as student services coordinator.

Following a public hearing, trustees set the tax levy at 40 cents on the 100 dollars of assessed valuation—the same as a year ago. With an increase in assessed valuation, the levy is projected to generate over 336 thousand dollars in local tax revenue.

Trustees accepted bids for the Barton campus sign. Hueffmeier Bricklaying of Linneus will be paid nearly 35 thousand dollars (\$34,900) for masonry work AND Joe DeVorss Construction of Trenton receives nearly 22 thousand dollars (\$21,800) for the concrete work. College President Neil Nuttall said the project will be funded by 55 thousand dollars raised in the "Buy a Brick" campaign with the balance of the expense paid by a partial disbursement of a donor's trust fund.

Approval was given to a new policy on random drug testing for student athletes. Also approved were agreements with Wright Memorial Hospital to do the testing and with Mid Continent Services of Overland Park, Kansas for the medical reviews. Trustees approved a cooperative agreement with Northwest Missouri State in a partnership to bridge a nursing program from registered nurse to bachelor's degree. Included is employment for the Maryville site of a nursing coordinator with N-C-M-C paying one half of the salary over a three year period.

North Central is a member of the Missouri Community College Association which supports advocacy, education, and professional development. North Central is described by its president, Neil Nuttall, as the most under-funded community college in the state. He said that is due from N-C-M-C having the largest service territory with the sparsest population; and the lowest tax levy at 40 cents among all community colleges in Missouri.

Last evening, North Central trustees adopted a resolution of support with the Missouri Community College Association regarding an equity funding model. It was noted North Central's cost to educate a full-time equivalent (F-T-E) student is 12-hundred 33 dollars—the lowest of all Missouri colleges. Doctor Nuttall said the average for community colleges is 18-hundred dollars while the average cost per student for the universities tops 61-hundred dollars. The equity funding agreement involving presidents and chancellors at Missouri community colleges includes a “hold harmless” calculation for North Central. It is subject to a review in five years.

Ninety-five percent of state appropriations will be distributed according to current allocations. Five percent of state funding will be designated to an equity pool of money that is distributed to the institutions on a pro-rata basis according to enrollment.

Trustee Don Dalrymple, will represent N-C-M-C at the community college association level.

Doctor Nuttall also recognized students services for helping N-C-M-C obtain military friendly status, one of three community colleges in the state.

For the first time, the North Central Missouri College Foundation sponsors a golf tournament tomorrow (Thursday). Play will be held at Riverside Country Club golf course in Trenton.

Foundation Director Teresa Cross told the college board of trustees last night that there are 36 teams in the tournament. This is a three person scramble with morning and afternoon tee times on Thursday August 30th. There also are a dozen sponsors for the event. Proceeds will go to the student scholarship fund.

Another sports event for the NCMC Foundation is the annual holiday hoops basketball competition held on the campus at Ketcham Community Center in Trenton. Mrs. Cross said the dates this year are December 20th through the 22nd; then December 26th through the 29th; with optional dates of January 2nd and 3rd if needed for scheduling of the games. Mrs. Cross told college trustees last night that the event, so far, has commitments from 47 high schools including Iowa and Kansas in addition to Missouri. They represent 90 basketball teams. Some additional contracts are pending which, if realized, could make 2012's Holiday Hoops event the largest in its history.