

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension-Madison County Center located at 258 Carolina Lane, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Mark Snelson, Vice-Chairman Craig Goforth, Commissioner and Interim County Manager Norris Gentry, Commissioner Matt Wechtel, Commissioner Michael Garrison, County Attorney Donny Laws, and Clerk Mandy Bradley.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Snelson.

Chairman Snelson requested procedural amendments as follows:

- Item 3 to become Item 1

Upon clarification by Commissioners Wechtel and Gentry with motion by Vice-Chairman Goforth and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve with the addition of clarifying that item 2 would remain the same and Item 1 would become Item 3.

Item 1: Project Johnny 5-0

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Chairman Snelson, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S 143.318-11 (a) (4) at 5:04 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 5:33 p.m.

Item 2: Planning and Zoning Enforcement

Attorney John Noor with Roberts and Stevens Attorneys at Law, representing the County in Planning and Zoning enforcement, joined by Planning and Zoning Director Terrey Dolan discussed information with the Board regarding a recent hearing by the Board of Adjustment concerning the placement of a cellular tower in the County by Verizon. Mr. Dolan noted that the Board of Adjustment Chair would be executing the order from the hearing and then there would be 30 days for the party in opposition to file opposing the order. Mr. Dolan and Attorney Noor requested to enter into closed session to discuss confidential attorney-client communications.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Wechtel with counsel being provided by County Attorney Donny Laws and Attorney John Noor, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session as requested by attorney Noor to discuss confidential attorney-client matters and potential litigation pursuant to N.C.G.S 143-318.11 (a) (3) at 5:38 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Vice-Chairman Goforth, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 6:28 p.m.

Mr. Dolan discussed the County's Noise Ordinance and Junk Car Ordinance with the Board noting that provisions to look at a new Ordinance for junk as a whole are being looked into.

Attorney Noor discussed an update as well as offered to answer questions from Board members regarding the County's Noise Ordinance. He noted that there has been sporadic usage in the past and by moving to a more used tool, violations could be enforced noting that text amendments may be needed to provide new standards to the Ordinance.

The County's Land Use Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan was discussed with the Board by Attorney Noor who discussed that the last Comprehensive Plan for the County was written in 2010 and that resources could be allocated to look at the zoning code for permitted and special uses by hiring a consultant, noting that Mr. Dolan would have more details soon. Discussion was had by the Board and Attorney Noor.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Chairman Snelson, the Board voted unanimously to take a five minute recess at 6:38 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wechtel and second by Vice-Chairman Goforth, the Board voted unanimously to call the meeting back to order at 6:47 p.m.

Item 4: Personnel

Commissioner Gentry discussed the possibility of a midyear raise for County employees, noting that there was not a standardized cost of living adjustment taken into consideration of the current year's budget and that changes could possibly be implemented in the next few months or could be made in consideration of next year's budget.

Increase in services being provided by the Register of Deeds Office, Building Inspections, and Environmental Health due to growth in the County was discussed with the Board by Commissioner Gentry. Discussion was had by the Board.

Upon motion by Chairman Snelson and second by Vice-Chairman Goforth, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) at 6:56 p.m.

Commissioner Garrison addressed those in attendance thanking them for their continued support.

Vice-Chairman Goforth left the meeting without excuse prior to returning to open session.

Upon motion by Chairman Snelson and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 8:38 p.m.

Human Resources Director Brooke Ledford presented on behalf of the Solid Waste Department, the hire of Michael Chandler as a Recycle Truck Driver. Upon motion by Chairman Snelson and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Human Resources Director Brooke Ledford presented on behalf of the Transportation and Operations Department, the request to increase the current 24 hour per week position to full time with the employment of Clifton Norton. Upon motion by Commissioner Garrison and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Item 5: Adjournment

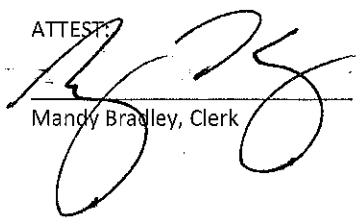
Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Chairman Snelson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:39 p.m.

This the 26th day of October, 2021.

MADISON COUNTY


Mark Snelson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Mandy Bratley, Clerk