

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Madison County Public Library Marshall Branch, 1335 N. Main Street, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Matt Wechtel, Vice-Chairman Michael Garrison, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Jeremy Hensley, Commissioner Alan Wyatt, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Clerk Mandy Bradley.

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

Item 1: FY 2023-2024 Budget Discussion

County Manager Rod Honeycutt presented and discussed proposed budgetary requests and information as well as answered questions from members of the Board. Information discussed included revenues and expenditures; debt services; departmental budgets for the County; and budgets for the Medical Examiner, Clerk of Court, Professional Services, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, programs of the Health Department, School System, and North Carolina Forest Service. Discussion regarding proposed departmental budgets was had by the Board, Mr. Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Chairman Wechtel exited the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

Discussion was had by the Board, Mr. Honeycutt and Ms. Ledford regarding funding liabilities and budgeting in the future with comment being provided from a member of the audience.

Chairman Wechtel returned to the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Commissioner Wyatt exited the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Further discussion was had by the Board.

Commissioner Wyatt returned to the meeting at 7:12 p.m.

The Board took recess from 7:13 p.m. until 7:16 p.m.

Proposed changes to the budget were discussed by members of the Board, Mr. Honeycutt, and Ms. Ledford. Information discussed included funding for capital projects, funding requests from nonprofit organizations, sales tax generated within the County, funding for emergency communications, and funding for County services with comment being provided from a member of the audience.

Discussion was had by the Board regarding Article 44 Funds and utilization of the funds with information regarding the projection for the funds being provided by Ms. Ledford. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Chairman Wechtel, with further discussion being had by the Board, the Board voted unanimously to continue the ratio of \$900,000.00 being allocated to the school system with anything over \$900,000.00 being allocated for Economic Development.

Mr. Honeycutt provided additional information regarding departmental allocations and requests as well as proposed allocations for budgetary line items with discussion being had by the Board.

Commissioner Hensley exited the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Commissioner Hensley returned to the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Discussion regarding an incentive plan for employee certifications obtained for completion of job duties was had by the Board and Mr. Honeycutt.

Commissioner Briggs exited the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Further discussion was had by the Board and Mr. Honeycutt regarding the budget.

Commissioner Briggs returned to the meeting at 9:54 p.m.

Mr. Honeycutt presented capital and salary requests for consideration of the budget and discussion was had by the Board,

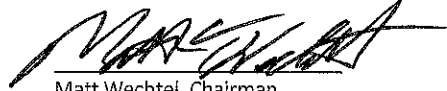
Mr. Honeycutt, and Ms. Ledford.

Discussion was had regarding future meetings of the Board.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wyatt and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting until May 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. at the North Carolina Cooperation Extension-Madison County Center located at 258 Carolina Lane, Marshall, North Carolina.

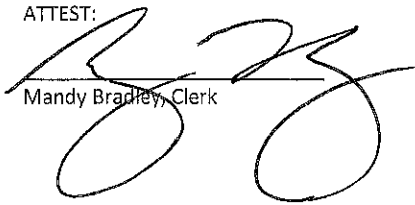
This the 8th day of May 2023.

MADISON COUNTY



Matt Wechtei, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Mandy Bradley, Clerk