State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at the Admin Conference Room located at 140 Elizabeth Lane, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Matt Wechtel, Vice-Chairman Jeremy Hensley, Commissioner Michael Garrison, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Alan Wyatt, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Clerk Mandy Bradley. County Attorney Donny Laws joined the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

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

Item 1: Madison Recovery Pathways Program Report

Delaney Whitson, Madison Recovery Pathways provided a power point presentation and answered questions from the Board regarding the Madison Recovery Pathways Program report.

Information discussed included program start up, demographics, community resources, referral sources, oversight and funding utilization data, barriers, and other program related tasks.

Discussion was had by the Board; Ms. Whitson; and Rachel Potter, Madison County Health Department Specialty Clinics Director.

Item 2: FY 2025-2026 Budget Discussion

County Manager Rod Honeycutt discussed budgetary information contained in the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget for Madison County Public Schools versus past allocations and requests from the school system..

Dr. Will Hoffman, Superintendent of Schools presented and discussed proposed budgetary items and requests with the Board on behalf of the School System as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the School system's proposed budget was had by the Board; Dr. Hoffman; Michael Wallin, Chief Financial Officer of Schools; County Manager Honeycutt; and Kary Ledford, Madison County Finance Officer.

Pia Cash, Animal Shelter Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary items and requests with the Board on behalf of the Animal Shelter as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Animal Shelter's proposed budget and operations was had by the Board, Ms. Cash, and County Manager Honeycutt.

County Attorney Donny Laws joined the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

Cade Hooker, Emergency Management Officer presented and discussed proposed budgetary items and requests with the Board on behalf of Emergency Management as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Emergency Management proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Hooker, Finance Officer Ledford, and County Manager Honeycutt.

Craig Sullivan, Madison Medics discussed operations and budgetary information regarding the Madison Medics ambulance contract contained in the FY 2025-2026 budget as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion was had by the Board, Mr. Sullivan, Madison Medics Director Mark Snelson, and County Manager Honeycutt.

County Manager Honeycutt discussed the 9-1-1 departmental budget with the Board. Jeremy Dill, addressing discussed 9-1-1 addressing components and information with the Board as well as answered questions from Board members. Additional discussion was had by County Manager Honeycutt regarding proposed budgetary items and requests contained in the 9-1-1 budget and Manager Honeycutt answered questions from members of the Board.

Item 3: Waterway and Private Property Debris Removal Projects Update
Item not discussed at this time.

Item 4: Personnel

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrison and second by Commissioner Wyatt, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) at 7:30 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrison and second by Commissioner Wyatt, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 8:13 p.m.

Item 3: Waterway and Private Property Debris Removal Projects Update (cont.)

County Manger Honeycutt provided updates for the County's waterway and private property debris removal projects and discussed the North Carolina SMART Program which would allow for the State of North Carolina's assistance with management of the projects.

Item 2: FY 2025-2026 Budget Discussion (cont.)

Additional discussion regarding the proposed FY 2025-2026 budget was had by the Board and Manager Honeycutt. Information discussed included millage rate; insurance; Enterprise Fund subsidy; allowances for projects currently underway including those occurring from the Hurricane Helene event, improvements at the County's fairgrounds facility and additional facilities improvements; and future budget meetings of the Board.

Item 5: Adjournment

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Hensley and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:49 p.m.

This the 20th day of May 2025.

MADISON COUNTY

Matt Wechtel, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Mandy Bradley, Clerk