State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 1:00 p.m. at the Admin Conference Room located at 140 Elizabeth Lane, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Vice-Chairman Jeremy Hensley, Commissioner Matt Wechtel, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Alan Wyatt, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Clerk Mandy Bradley. Chairman Michael Garrison joined the meeting at 1:06 p.m. County Attorney Donny Laws was not in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Hensley.

Item 1: FY 2026-2027 Budget Discussion

County Manager Rod Honeycutt presented and discussed the proposed FY2026-2027 budget information specific to the Madison County Transportation Authority. Information provided included departmental structure and budgetary requests.

Chairman Garrison joined the meeting at 1:06 p.m.

Pat Hagerman, Transportation Director, presented and discussed proposed budgetary items and requests with the Board on behalf of the Transportation Department as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Transportation Department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Hagerman, and County Manager Honeycutt.

Connie Harris, Department of Social Services Director, presented and discussed proposed budgetary items and requests with the Board on behalf of the Department of Social Services as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Department of Social Services proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Harris, County Manager Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

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.

Commissioner Wyatt exited the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Discussion regarding the Animal Shelter's proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Cash, County Manager Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford

Commissioner Wyatt returned at 2:48 p.m.

Additional discussion was had by the Board, Ms. Cash, and County Manager Honeycutt.

The Board took recess from 2:47 p.m. until 2:55 p.m.

Jesse Roberts, Maintenance Director, presented and discussed proposed budgetary items and requests with the Board on behalf of the Maintenance Department as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Maintenance Department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Roberts, and County Manager Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Dr. Will Hoffman, Superintendent of Madison County Schools joined by Michael Wallin, Finance Officer of Madison County 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, the school system, County Manager Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Chris Maney, Parks and Recreation Director, presented and discussed proposed budgetary items and requests with the Board on behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department as well as answered questions from Board members.

Chairman Garrison exited the meeting at 4:25 p.m.

Discussion regarding the Parks and Recreation Department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Maney, and County Manager Honeycutt.

Chairman Garrison returned to the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Additional discussion was had by the Board, Mr. Maney, and County Manager Honeycutt.

Commissioner Wechtel exited the meeting at 4:32 p.m.

Jaime Lunsford, Information Technology (IT) Director, presented and discussed proposed budgetary items and requests with the Board on behalf of the IT Department as well as answered questions from Board members.

Commissioner Wechtel returned to the meeting at 4:34 p.m.

Discussion regarding the IT Department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Lunsford, and County Manager Honeycutt.

Discussion was had regarding future budgetary meetings of the Board.

Agenda Item 2: Amendments to Madison County Personnel Policy

No discussion was had.

Item 3: Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Wyatt and second by Vice-Chairman Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:51 p.m.

This the 21st day of April 2026.

MADISON COUNTY

Michael Garrison, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Mandy Bradley, Clerk