

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at A-B Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, NC.

In attendance were Vice-Chairman Norris Gentry, Commissioner Clayton Rice, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Matt Wechtel, County Manager Forrest Gilliam, Attorney Donny Laws and Clerk Amanda Cutshaw.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Gentry.

Agenda Item 1: Agenda Approval

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of April 10 (Special and Regular Meeting) 2018 as presented.

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment

John Greater of the Friends of the Hot Springs Library spoke to the board regarding the recent remodel of the new library location and thanked county staff, such as the maintenance department, for all their hard work on the project.

Agenda Item 4: Convene Board of Equalization and Review

Vice-Chairman Gentry convened the Board of Equalization and Review. The Hearing dates for 2018 are May 15th, May 29th and June 5th. The meetings will begin at 8:30 am and be held at the County Administration Building on Highway 25/70.

Upon motion from Commissioner Briggs, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to recess the Board of Equalization and Review until May 15, 2018.

**Agenda Item 5: Jeffery Wait, NCDOT Division Roadside Environmental Engineer
Adopt-a-Highway/Litter Removal**

Adopt-a-Highway is a joint effort between community volunteers and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT). There is no cost to adopt a section of highway or road, but individuals or groups are required to make a four year commitment, adopt a two mile

section and hold a minimum of four litter pick-ups per year. NCDOT provides the individuals or groups with bags, vests, gloves and safety training materials. NCDOT will also collect the bags from the roadside. There are 21 active individuals or groups in the county currently. Last year there were 4,818 pounds or 321 bags of litter collected in the county through the program.

Agenda Item 6: Connie Harris, Social Services Director
Resolution: Foster Parent Recognition Month

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to adopt the attached resolution naming May 2018 as Foster Parent Recognition Month.

Agenda Item 7: Rhea Hollars, Finance Officer

A. 2018 Audit

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to rescind the motion approved on April 10, 2018 awarding Gould Killian the contract for the 2018 audit, due to new pricing information becoming available.

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to award the contract for the 2018 audit to Mauldin-Jenkins.

B. Lien Satisfactions

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the board voted unanimously to authorize the County Manager to execute Lien Satisfactions resulting from CDBG grants.

C. April 2018 Tax Releases and Refunds

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the attached April 2018 Tax Releases and Refunds.

Agenda Item 8: Forrest Gilliam, County Manager

A. County Manager Update

I. Hometown Strong

Madison is one of six pilot counties in the Hometown Strong initiative and one of only two western counties. As part of the initiative Governor Cooper and several of his cabinet members visited the county on April 23rd and 24th. They toured sites such as Madison High and the new library in Hot Springs. The group also took part in a roundtable discussion with county leadership, which included

a presentation by the County Planner. This initiative will facilitate better communication with the State regarding county needs.

II. Drug Court

Madison County has been exploring the concept of a Drug Court, which provides drug treatment instead of incarceration for certain offenders. Mark Cody, Clerk of Court, has worked with a local group called Families Against Narcotics (FAN) to look at what would be needed to have a drug court in the county. Currently there are no drug courts in Madison, Mitchell or Yancey counties and there is the possibility of sharing the associated costs of a coordinator position with those counties. Rachel Potter with the Health Department is working on a grant to help with those costs.

B. Resolution in Support of the Completion of Crossroads Parkway

Upon motion from Commissioner Briggs, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to adopt the attached resolution in Support of the Completion of Crossroads Parkway.

C. Surplus Property

Due Diligence Period Extension Request

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to grant a 60-day extension to the due diligence period for the sale of the surplus property known as the Rock Building.

D. Board Appointments

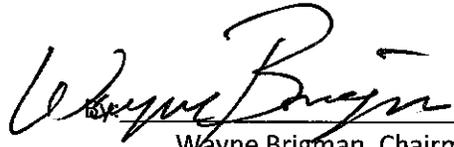
Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the board voted unanimously to appoint Sara Nichols, County Planner, to the MPO TCC.

Agenda Item 9: Adjournment

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 1st day of May, 2018.

MADISON COUNTY


Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Amanda Cutshaw, Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

RESOLUTION

COUNTY OF MADISON

WHEREAS, every child has the inherent right to grow up in a safe, permanent, loving family, and this experience lays the foundation for a happy and productive adulthood; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of individuals and families in our county are becoming foster parents; thus enabling children of all ages, races, and cultures, mental and physical conditions, and emotional needs to become valued members of their families; and

WHEREAS, a network of foster families is a fundamental part of providing constant nurturing and support to children and families who need time to heal and put their lives back together; and

WHEREAS, these parents accept as their reward the opportunity to see children develop, grow, reach beyond the expected, and become a viable part of the community with a stronger self-image; and

WHEREAS, citizens are encouraged to demonstrate their respect and gratitude for foster parents who unselfishly share their lives; and

WHEREAS, the Madison County Department of Social Services works diligently to ensure safe and loving homes for Madison County's children and to increase the public awareness of the importance of foster care.

WHEREFORE, the Madison County Board of Commissioners does hereby proclaim the month of May 2018 as Foster Parent Recognition Month and urges all citizens to recognize the valuable service of foster families in our county.

This the 1st day of May 2018.

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**


NORRIS GENTRY
VICE CHAIR

April 2018 Property Releases and Refunds
for May 2018 Meeting

Releases									
<i>NAME</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Fire</i>	<i>Disposal fee</i>	<i>Late list fee's</i>	<i>Int</i>	<i>TOTALS</i>	<i>REASON</i>		
Reavis, Vessie	\$40.80	\$4.00				\$44.80	2009 bill state took property per 432/382		
Reavis, Vessie	\$44.80	\$4.00				\$48.80	2010 bill state took property per 432/382		
Reavis, Vessie	\$40.80	\$4.00				\$44.80	2007 bill state took property per 432/382		
Reavis, Vessie	\$40.80	\$4.00				\$44.80	2008 bill state took property per 432/382		
Reavis, Vessie	\$40.80	\$4.00				\$44.80	2005 bill state took property per 432/382		
Reavis, Vessie	\$40.80	\$4.00				\$44.80	2006 bill state took property per 432/382		
Reavis, Vessie	\$23.10	\$1.50				\$24.60	2003 bill state took property per 432/382		
Reavis, Vessie	\$40.80	\$4.00				\$44.80	2004 bill state took property per 432/382		
Thomas, Samuel	\$125.97	\$24.70	\$29.00			\$179.67	2006 bill owner redeemed before foreclosure complete per Lori Ray		
Thomas, Samuel	\$125.97	\$24.70	\$29.00			\$179.67	2005 bill owner redeemed before foreclosure complete per Lori Ray		
Thomas, Samuel			\$1.34			\$1.34	2004 bill owner redeemed before foreclosure complete per Lori Ray		
Vincil, Margaret	\$26.00	\$4.50				\$30.50	mh is located in Buncombe County		
TOTALS	\$2,593.51	\$345.97	\$2,050.80	\$106.86	\$0.00	\$5,097.14			
Refunds									
<i>NAME</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Fire</i>	<i>Disposal fee</i>	<i>Late list fee's</i>	<i>Int</i>	<i>TOTALS</i>	<i>REASON</i>		
Arrington, Mark	\$130.56	\$20.48	\$22.54	\$206.30		\$379.88	SWMH burnt down in 2001		
TOTALS	130.56	20.48	22.54	206.30	0.00	\$379.88			

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE COMPLETION OF CROSSROADS PARKWAY

WHEREAS, Advanced Superabrasives, a manufacturing plant in Mars Hill, has recently announced plans to invest \$18 million and create 47 new jobs in Madison County, contributing to the economic growth of the area; and

WHEREAS, Advanced Superabrasives, the Town of Mars Hill, and Madison County are committed to the development and marketing of additional industrial property adjacent to the existing plant, to be accessed from Parkway View Road; and

WHEREAS, truck traffic accessing the plant currently uses Exit 11 (NC 213/Carl Eller Road) and travels through Downtown Mars Hill on Main Street and North Main Street for several miles to the entrance of the plant. The route runs through a primarily residential area of Mars Hill on roads that were not designed for truck traffic; and

WHEREAS, Crossroads Parkway was opened with the completion of Interstate 26 in the 1990s, and runs south from Exit 9 (U.S. 19E/Burnsville) for approximately 1.5 miles adjacent to Interstate 26, before dead ending approximately one half mile from Exit 11 (N.C. 213/Mars Hill); and

WHEREAS, the completion of the remaining one half mile of Crossroads Parkway will allow a frontage road that connects the approximately two mile distance between the two exits, providing a safer and more direct access route to Advanced Superabrasives and other industrial property in the plant's vicinity; and

WHEREAS, the Appalachian Regional Commission awarded partial funding for the project in 2015, but additional funding is needed to cover the anticipated cost of the project; and

WHEREAS, the project is vital to the economic development for both the County of Madison and the Town of Mars Hill;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Madison County Board of Commissioners supports construction of the remaining portion of Crossroads Parkway in Mars Hill, and requests the assistance of the State of North Carolina in securing the necessary additional funds for the project.

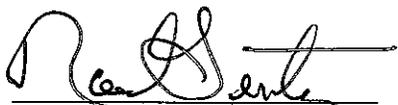
The motion to approve the foregoing resolution was made by Commissioner Briggs, seconded by Commissioner Rice, and the following vote was recorded:

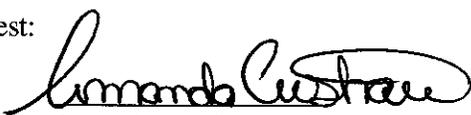
Aye: Commissioner Briggs, Commissioner Rice,
Commissioner Wechtel, Vice-Chairman Gentry

Nay: _____

Absent: Chairman Brigman

This the 1st day of May, 2018


Norris Gentry, Vice-Chairman

Attest: 
Amanda Cutshaw, Clerk