

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at A-B Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, NC.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gentry.

**Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Agenda**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes:

Item 4: Purchase of Voting Equipment - Delayed until September meeting

Item 9C: Ems Contract - Update only, no action

Item 10: Closed Session - Deleted

**Agenda Item 2: Approval of Minutes**

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of July 11 and July 25, 2017 as presented.

**Agenda Item 3: Public Comment**

The Board heard Public Comment from the following:

John Clemens: regarding the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department and the proposed increase in the Fire Tax.

Anna Tuziw: regarding the recent budget requests made by AB Tech.

Mike Tuziw: regarding the recent budget requests made by AB Tech, specifically the gutters and the funds requested for the gutters.

**Agenda Item 4: Kathy Ray, Director, Madison County Board of Elections  
Purchase of new voting equipment**

Delayed until September meeting.

**Agenda Item 5: Tammy Cody, Deputy Health Director, Madison County Health Department  
State of the County Health Report**

Tammy Cody, Deana Stephens, and Heather Sharp appeared before the Commissioners to provide an update on the State of the County Health Report (SOTCH). The SOTCH is completed annually except for when a comprehensive Community Health Assessment (CHA) is done.

Deana Stephens explained that the SOTCH provides an update on the progress made toward addressing the health priorities selected during the CHA; including data and projects/programs. The three priorities selected during our 2015 Community Health Assessment are Healthy Weight, Substance Use, and Mental Health. Deana reviewed the layout of the report. She also presented information on the Healthy Weight priority. Heather Sharp spoke regarding the progress made on the Substance Use and Mental Health priority areas.

**Agenda Item 6: Lori Ray, Madison County Tax Collector  
Order of Collection for 2017 Taxes**

Upon motion from Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the Order of Collection for 2017 Taxes.

**Agenda Item 7: Donny Laws – Madison County Attorney  
Delinquent Tax Update**

Attorney Donny Laws updated the board on the collection of delinquent taxes.

**Agenda Item 8: Rhea Hollars – Madison County Finance Officer**

**A. July 2017 Financial Report**

Finance Officer Hollars presented the board with the July 2017 Financial Report.

**B. Budget Amendments #2 and #2A**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendments #2 and #2A with the correction of the Health Insurance amount being changed from \$1,791.64 to \$1,811.40 on Budget Amendment #2A.

**C. July 2017 Tax Releases and Refunds**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the July 2017 Tax Releases and Refunds.

**D. Vaya Health 4th Quarter Financial Report**

Finance Officer Hollars presented the board with the Vaya Health 4th Quarter Financial Report. Finance Officer Hollars informed the board that these may not be the final numbers as Vaya Health's books were still not closed out for the 2016-17 Fiscal Year.

**Agenda Item 9: Forrest Gilliam – Madison County Manager**

**A. County Manager Update**

**I. Delinquent Tax Collection**

County Manager Gilliam reported to the board that additional delinquent taxes were also being collected by the Tax Office before the County Attorney was required to be involved.

**II. Capital Outlay**

The \$31,890 added to the Capital Outlay fund in Budget Amendment #2 were proceeds from the continued sale of Surplus Property.

**III. AB Tech Update**

County Manager Gilliam reported to the board that he had been informed by Dr. Dennis King that AB Tech was withdrawing their request for Madison County General Funds to support improvement projects, including the Welding Shop improvements at the Madison Campus. Dr. King stated that the improvements would be made using NC Connect Bond Funds.

**IV. Recreation Maps**

New recreation maps of the County, which were created through a partnership between the Madison County Tourism Authority and Sara Nichols, Madison County Planner will be available to the public at various locations throughout the County.

**V. Tools for Schools**

The Child Support Enforcement Agency and The Madison County Sheriff's Office are both currently holding independent Tools for Schools Drives to benefit Madison County students.

**VI. Early College Dedication**

There will be a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the new Early College building on Friday, August 18th at 4:00 pm.

**B. Surplus Property**

**I. Scenic Wolf Lots 101 and 101B**

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the board voted unanimously to accept the offered amount of \$3,000 for the surplus property known as lots 101 and 101B Scenic Wolf, as the property had received no upset bid offers during the 10-day upset process.

**II. The Rock Building**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the board voted unanimously to accept the offered amount of \$73,550 for the surplus property known as the Rock Building, as the property has completed the 10-day upset bid process. The purchaser will now have a 90-day due diligence period before the sale is complete.

**III. Wolf Mountain Lots**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to reject the offer of \$60,000 for several lots located on the property known as Wolf Mountain.

**C. EMS Contract**

County Manager Gilliam gave the board an update on the current negotiations with Mission Health with regards to the EMS contract. Mission Health representatives will be present at the August 22nd Special Meeting to continue discussions with the Commissioners.

**D. Resolution - Lease Agreement - Beech Glen Stream Restoration Project**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to adopt the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN MADISON COUNTY AND CLIFTON METCALF FOR USE OF COUNTY OWNED PROPERTY.

**Agenda Item 10: Closed Session**

Deleted from Agenda

**Agenda Item 11: Adjournment**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 8<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

MADISON COUNTY

By:   
Norris Gentry, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Amanda Cutshaw, Clerk