

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm at A-B Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, North Carolina.

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Brigman.

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

Additions:

1. Item 5 - Tammy Cody, Health Department
  - a. This addition will move all subsequent Agenda Items one space lower on the agenda
2. Item 9e - Resolution: Establishing Monthly Meetings
3. Item 10 - Closed Session- personnel, economic development and property
4. Item 11 - Adjournment

Deletions: None

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

**Agenda Item 2: Approval of July 2018 (Special and Regular Meeting) Minutes**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the July 2018 (Special and Regular Meeting) Minutes as submitted.

**Agenda Item 3: Public Comment**

1. Mike Tuziw: Spoke on the need for transparency on all negotiations concerning the housing of juvenile inmates at the jail.
2. Pete Fland: Spoke on the need to enforce county zoning and junk ordinances.
3. Chris Worley: Spoke on concerns regarding the new zoo located on Walnut Creek Rd.
4. Steven Clark: Spoke on concerns regarding the new zoo located on Walnut Creek Rd.
5. Sue Peek: Spoke on concerns regarding the new zoo located on Walnut Creek Rd.
6. Lisa Mace: Spoke on concerns regarding the new zoo located on Walnut Creek Rd.
7. Katie Robinson: Spoke on concerns regarding the new zoo located on Walnut Creek Rd.

County Attorney, Donny Laws, addressed the audience with information regarding the county's exotic animal and land use ordinances and the recent notice of violation sent to the owners of the zoo.

**Agenda Item 4: Ron Lewis and David Streater, Foundation Forward**

Mr. Lewis and Dr. Streater presented the board with information and a powerpoint presentation about their organization Foundation Forward and the ongoing project to place permanent displays containing the Charters of Freedom in all counties, boroughs and parishes in the United States. (documents attached)

**Agenda Item 5: Tammy Cody, Deputy Health Director**

Madison County was named a Bright Spot by the Appalachian Regional Commission for having better than expected health outcomes. Madison County scored better than expect, given our resources and characteristics. We are using the resources and strengths, that we have in different ways to address our health challenges. One obvious item of strength were our partnerships and the way we come together to meet our needs.

There will be an Community Forum on August 28, 2018 entitled Understanding and Treating the Opioid Epidemic. The forum will be held at the Madison Campus of AB Tech and speakers will include Dr. Blake Fagan, Dr. Susan Holman and Captain Coy Phillips form the Madison County Sheriff's Office. Community organizations will be on site to answer questions and connect attendees with available resources.

**Agenda Item 6: Donny Laws, County Attorney**

Mr. Laws presented the board with the delinquent tax update.

**Agenda Item 7: Brooke Smith, Human Resources Director**

**Personnel**

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to hire Tim Ammons as a Full-Time Environmental Health Specialist at the Health Department.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to hire James Sprinkle as a Part-Time Driver in the Nutrition Program.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to hire Randy Bailey as a Part-Time Cook in the Nutrition Program.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, voted unanimously to hire Stacie Wilson as a School Nurse.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to hire Mason Aranda as an ITS Helpdesk Associate.

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to reclassify a vacant position at the Health Department from Nutritionist II to Part-Time Public Health Nurse - Community Educator.

#### **Agenda Item 8: Rhea Hollars, Finance Officer**

##### **a. July 2018 Financial Report**

Mrs. Hollars presented the board with the July 2018 Financial Report (attached).

##### **b. Budget Amendment #2**

Mrs. Hollars presented the board with Budget Amendment #2 (attached).

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #2.

##### **c. July 2018 Tax Releases**

Mrs. Hollars presented the board with the July 2018 Property Tax Releases (attached).

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve the July 2018 Property Tax Releases.

##### **d. FY 2019 JCPC County Plan**

Mrs. Hollars presented the board with the FY 2019 JCPC County Plan (attached).

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2019 JCPC County Plan.

##### **e. Vaya Health Fourth Quarter Report**

Mrs. Hollars presented the board with the Vaya Health Fourth Quarter Report (attached).

#### **Agenda Item 9: Forrest Gilliam, County Manager**

##### **a. County Manager Update**

##### **Bright Spots and Opioid Forum**

Mr. Gilliam reiterated the information given by Deputy Health Director, Tammy Cody, concerning Madison County being named a Bright Spot by the Appalachian Regional Commission and the community forum addressing opioids.

#### **Drug Court Meeting**

Mr. Gilliam updated the board on the continued planning for a Drug Court for Madison County, including a recent meeting with stakeholders in Yancey County.

#### **Economic Development Rural Summit**

Mr. Gilliam updated the board on the Economic Development Rural Summit and the fact that Madison County was mentioned multiple times and the efforts being made within the county.

#### **Medicaid Transportation Contract - COI**

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve for signature by the chair the conflict of interest policy, which is part of the Medicaid contract between the Department of Social Services and the Transportation Authority.

### **b. Surplus Property**

#### **Final Sales Approval**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the board voted unanimously to approve the final sale of the small parcel of land bordering the "Rock Building" for \$500.

#### **Bid Approval for Upset Bid Process**

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve the bid of \$4,500 for Laurel Highlands Lot 8-C , thus beginning the upset bid process for the property.

### **c. Board Appointments**

Upon nomination from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to re-appoint Sam Hutchins to the Mountain Area Workforce Development Board for a term of two years.

Upon nomination from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to appoint Chris Watson to the Housing Authority Board for a term to end in May of 2019.

**d. Resolution: Establishing Monthly Meetings**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the attached resolution changing the September Regular Meeting from September 11, 2018 to September 18, 2018.

**Agenda Item 10: Closed Session**

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for the discussion of Economic Development, Personnel and Property.

Commissioner Rice left the meeting during closed session.

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the board voted unanimously to return to open session.

**Agenda Item 11: Adjournment**

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

This the 14th day of August, 2018.

MADISON COUNTY

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Wayne Brigman, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Amanda Cutshaw, Clerk