

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. at the Madison Campus of AB Tech, 4646 Hwy 25-70 Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Craig Goforth; Vice-Chairman Mark Snelson; Commissioners Norris Gentry, Wayne Brigman, and Matt Wechtel; County Manager Forrest Gilliam; County Attorney Donny Laws; Clerk Mandy Bradley.

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Goforth.

Agenda Approval

Upon motion of Commissioner Gentry and second of Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda as presented.

Item 1: Community Housing Coalition Funds Resolution

County Manager Forrest Gilliam presented and discussed with the Board, the 2020-21 Home Funds Resolution to support the Community Housing Coalition's application for 2020-21 Home Funds. Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Vice-Chairman Snelson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution in support of the 2020-21 Home Funds Application. (Attachment 1.1)

Item 2: Metropolitan Planning Organization Regional Transit Study Resolution

Mr. Gilliam presented and discussed with the Board, the Transit Feasibility Resolution to support the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization's Transit Feasibility Study Phase One. Upon motion by Commissioner Brigman and second by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to support the Resolution in support of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. (Attachment 2.1)

Item 3: Upper Laurel Community Center Property Discussion

Mr. Gilliam discussed with the Board, the Upper Laurel Community Center which the County has been approached by Bright Hope Church who has an interest in possibly purchasing. Discussion was had by the Board. Commissioner Gentry made a motion to direct the County Manager to pursue. Commissioners Brigman and Wechtel both noted that they would be in favor. Mr. Gilliam advised the Board that no verbal motion is needed at this time.

Item 4: Designation of Signing Authority for Checks and Financial Transactions

Mr. Gilliam discussed with the Board, the designation of signing authority for checks written by the finance office after Mr. Gilliam's tenure as County Manager ends in the interim of a new County Manager. Also discussed with the Board by Mr. Gilliam was the purchase order request for any item greater than \$1,000 and that the Board needs to authorize a representative until the new County Manger is in place.

Mr. Gilliam answered questions from the Board regarding the processes. Discussion was had by the Board. Upon motion of Commissioner Gentry and second of Commissioner Brigman, the Board voted unanimously that the Board Chair be authorized to sign checks and purchase orders requests.

Item 5: EMS Service Contract

Mr. Gilliam discussed with the Board, the EMS Contract with Watauga Medics pending review from County Attorney Donny Laws. Information regarding the numbers for amounts billed to patients from each company who submitted a bid on the EMS proposal were also discussed with the Board by Mr. Gilliam.

Item 6: Madison County vs. Madison Asphalt, LLC Case Update

Mr. Gilliam discussed with the Board that the attorneys who represent the County in the case are available to meet with the Board. Chairman Goforth called for a motion to enter into closed session in the case of Madison County vs. Madison Asphalt, LLC. Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Snelson and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Chairman Goforth, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session.

Item 7: Adjournment


Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Vice-Chairman Snelson, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 28th day of January, 2020

MADISON COUNTY


Craig Goforth, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Mandy Bradley, Clerk

**RESOLUTION
TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY HOUSING COALITION'S APPLICATION FOR
2020-21 HOME FUNDS**

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, HELD AT MARSHALL, NC ON JANUARY 28, 2020,

RESOLUTION - SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY HOUSING COALITION'S APPLICATION TO THE ASHEVILLE REGIONAL HOUSING CONSORTIUM FOR 2020-21 HOME FUNDS,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, North Carolina, does hereby find as follows:

WHEREAS, the Community Housing Coalition of Madison County (CHC) provides economically distressed Madison County residents with free housing repair and rehabilitation services; and

WHEREAS, CHC has administered HOME funds in partnership with Madison County for Rural Rehabilitation since 2012; and

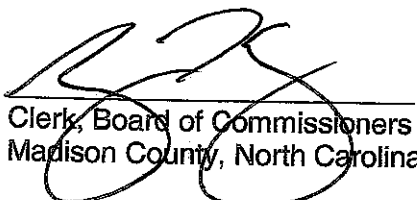
WHEREAS, CHC is applying for \$75,000 in HOME funds to provide Rural Rehabilitation to 4-6 homes in Madison County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, North Carolina, that they support CHC in its application for the 2020-21 HOME funding cycle on behalf of Madison County.

Resolved this the 28th day of January, 2020. Signed this the 28 day of January, 2020.


Craig Goforth, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

Attest:


Clerk, Board of Commissioners
Madison County, North Carolina

FRENCH BROAD RIVER

METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE FRENCH BROAD RIVER METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION'S REGIONAL TRANSIT FEASIBILITY STUDY PHASE ONE

WHEREAS, the French Broad River Metropolitan Planning Organization (FBRMPO) allotted funding through the Unified Planning Work Program for a two-phase Regional Transit Feasibility Study that is intended to stretch over FY20 and FY21; and

WHEREAS, this study aligns with the 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP), which recommends a "feasibility study to explore regional transit options" and recommends that the FBRMPO "coordinate efforts between transit providers to improve regional transit service;" and

WHEREAS, this study considers the feasibility of potential routes, available funding for, and a cost-benefit analysis of regional transit; and

WHEREAS, NCDOT's 2040 Statewide Transportation plan recommended increased focus on regional planning to increase flexibility and responsiveness while examining logistical needs through investments; and

WHEREAS, the FBRMPO region is growing in population and experiencing more cross-county commuting; and

WHEREAS, this study will serve as the first step towards improving public transit in the region by providing a deeper understanding of existing needs, system conditions, and recommendations for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the FBRMPO Board requested a resolution of support be sent to the government entities included in this study;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by **MADISON COUNTY** to support the FBRMPO Regional Transit Study to move forward and examine how to implement and improve regional transit.

ADOPTED this day, the 28 day of January, 2020

Craig D. Cox
Signature

1-28-2020
Date