

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the Pittman Dining Hall-Oscar Sams Room located at Mars Hill University, 121 Cascade Street, Mars Hill NC.

In attendance were Chairman Craig Goforth; Vice-Chairman Mark Snelson; Commissioners Norris Gentry, and Matt Wechtel; County Attorney Donny Laws; Clerk Mandy Bradley. Commissioner Brigman attended via telephone.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Goforth.

Item 1: Personnel

Discussion was had among the Board and County Attorney Donny Laws regarding closed session. County Attorney Donny Laws stated that pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11 (a) 6, the Board could enter into closed session if they chose. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Snelson and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session.

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

Item 2: EMS Contract

County Attorney Donny Laws discussed with the Board, EMS Contract information including the contract that was awarded at the January meeting with negotiations being left open. Discussion was had among the Board as well as Mr. Laws pertaining to negotiations of the contract and how to proceed with the Board agreeing that Chairman Goforth, Commissioner Gentry, and Mr. Laws form a subcommittee to move forward with negotiations.

Item 3: Employee Claim of Discrimination

Upon motion of Chairman Goforth, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11 (a) 3 and second by Vice-Chairman Snelson, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for discussion of potential employee discrimination claim.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Snelson and Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to enter into open session.

The Board took a five minute recess.

Item 4: Public Records Request Procedure

County Attorney Donny Laws discussed with the Board, public records requests and the departments that are custodians of their records. He requested direction from the Board as to how to proceed with

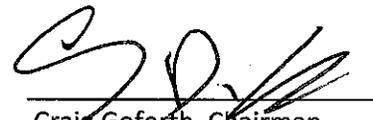
records requests and the need for a public records request policy. Mr. Laws also discussed a current request that was issued to the Sheriff's Office that was forwarded to him from that office. He requested from the Board if he or the Clerk should assist with those requests. Discussion was had by the Board. Mr. Laws asked for input from the Clerk. The Clerk discussed the need for policy and procedure for public records request. Mr. Laws discussed that he would assist in developing a procedure to present to the Board.

Item 5: Adjournment

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

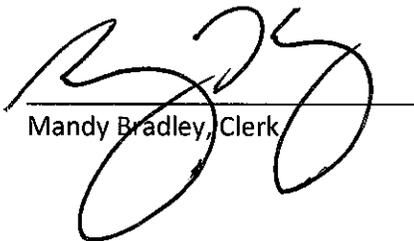
This the 18th day of February, 2020

MADISON COUNTY



Craig Goforth, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Mandy Bradley, Clerk