

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, December 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at AB Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, NC.

In attendance were Chairman Norris Gentry, Commissioner Craig Goforth, Commissioner Mark Snelson, Commissioner Matt Wechtel, County Manager Forrest Gilliam, County Attorney Donny Laws, and Clerk Mandy Bradley.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Item 1: Agenda Approval

Chairman Gentry called for agenda approval. County Manager Forrest Gilliam requested to remove Item 5 and add the contents of the item to Item 7 (c) under County Manager's report. Upon motion from Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Goforth, the board voted unanimously to approve the changes and the remainder of the agenda.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of November 7, 2018 (Special) Minutes, November 13, 2018 (Regular) Minutes and November 20, 2018 (Special) Minutes.

No changes to the minutes were made. Commissioner Wechtel made a motion to approve all 3 sets of minutes, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Snelson, and approved unanimously by the board.

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment

Elaine Robbins-Ms. Robbins spoke regarding her concerns about a potential asphalt plant in the county. Ms. Robbins' concerns included how the asphalt plant might affect tourism, the health of residents, noise, exposure to chemicals, property values, and traffic.

Emily Sontag-Ms. Sontag spoke regarding her concerns about a potential asphalt plant in the county. She noted that she felt there could be the potential for health concerns, financial loss, and decreased property values citing her knowledge of an asphalt plant in another town.

Agenda Item 4: Jan Lounsbury, Senior Tar Heel Legislative Report

Ms. Lounsbury spoke regarding the Senior Tar Heel Legislative Report. The report included increases to funding for various programs including senior meals sites and respite programs.

**Agenda Item 5: Rhea Hollars, Madison County Finance Officer
a. 2018 Financial Report**

Ms. Hollars discussed the attached Financial Report.

b. Budget Amendment 7

Budget Amendment 7 was presented by Ms. Hollars. Chairman Gentry made a motion to approve, Commissioner Goforth seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

c. Maximus Contract

Chairman Gentry made a motion to approve, Commissioner Wechtel seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Agenda Item 6: Forrest Gilliam, County Manager

a. County Manager Update

Mr. Gilliam provided an update on the Senior Center noting that there are many programs which are being supplied to the seniors. He cited the senior's Christmas performance and the good work that the department did on the program.

The Fiscal Research Division of the NC General Assembly made a visit to Madison County on November 14, 2018 to local manufactures to see how programs they fund are running.

On November 20, 2018, the Administration Building was cleared and turned back over to Madison County. Mr. Gilliam noted that the carpet is almost finished along with the painting and baseboards. Departments should begin moving back to the building soon.

Mr. Gilliam provided information regarding the inclement weather line and text message line that will inform employees of inclement weather closures and changes to the county schedule. Also, signs informing the public of this information will be available.

b. Surplus Property

Lot 122 at Bear River Lodge received a \$500.00 bid and that is the first bid that the property has received in a year. Mr. Gilliam advised the Commissioners that they could accept, reject, or make a counter offer on the bid. Chairman Gentry made a motion to accept the bid, Commissioner Wechtel seconded, and the board approved unanimously. The bid will now be set forth for upset.

The other property that has received bids was Lot 126 at Bear River Lodge. Two bids were received with the first being \$500.00 and the second being \$4,025.00. The bid of \$4,025.00 was accepted Commissioner Wechtel made a motion to accept, Chairman Gentry seconded, and the board approved unanimously to set forth the bid for upset.

c. Personnel

Mr. Gilliam presented from the Madison County Health Department, the recommendation for the employment of Beth Wilson as a lab technician. Chairman Gentry made a motion to approve, Commissioner Wechtel seconded, and the board approved unanimously.

Mr. Gilliam presented from the Madison County Health Department, the recommendation for the employment of Wendy Owenby as a clinic nurse. Commissioner Wechtel made a motion to hire Ms. Owenby, Commissioner Goforth seconded, and the board voted unanimously.

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Mr. Gilliam presented from the Community Services Department, the recommendation that Jimmy Sprinkle be hired as a permanent part time van driver for Mad. Co Transportation. Commissioner Wechtel made a motion to promote Mr. Sprinkle and Commissioner Snelson seconded. The board approved unanimously.

Mr. Gilliam presented from the Community Services Department, the recommendation to expand Randy Bailey's chef hours to full time. Commissioner Wechtel made a motion to approve Mr. Bailey's hours to 40 hrs. per week, Commissioner Snelson seconded, and the board voted unanimously to approve.

Agenda Item 7: Adjournment

The board adjourned by recommendation of Legal Counsel Donny Laws and went into closed session.

This the 11th day of December, 2018.

MADISON COUNTY


Norris Gentry, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Mandy Bradley, Clerk