

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, December 16, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. at the Madison Campus of AB Tech, 4646 Hwy 25-70 Marshall, North Carolina.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m. by County Attorney Donny Laws.

**Agenda Item 1: Agenda Approval**

Upon motion by Commissioner Snelson and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda.

**Agenda Item 2: Board Organization-Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

**Chairman**

County Attorney Donny Laws presided over the election of the Board Chair. Mr. Laws opened the floor for nominations for Board Chair.

Commissioner Brigman nominated Commissioner Wechtel.

Commissioner Snelson nominated Commissioner Goforth.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Brigman, the Board voted unanimously for nominations to cease.

Mr. Laws called for a vote for the nomination for Commissioner Wechtel for Board Chair. The nomination for Commissioner Wechtel resulted in a 2-3 vote with Commissioners Gentry, Goforth, and Snelson voting opposed.

Mr. Laws called for a vote for the nomination for Commissioner Goforth for Board Chair. The nomination for Commissioner Goforth resulted in a 3-2 vote with Commissioners Brigman and Wechtel voting opposed.

Mr. Laws noted that Commissioner Goforth is the Chairman for the next year and turned the meeting over to him.

**Vice-Chair**

Chairman Goforth presided over the election of the Board Vice-Chair. Chairman Goforth opened the floor for nominations for Board Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Wechtel nominated Commissioner Brigman.

Commissioner Gentry nominated Commissioner Snelson.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Brigman, the Board voted unanimously for nominations to cease.

Chairman Goforth called for a vote for the nomination for Commissioner Brigman for Board Vice-Chair. The nomination for Commissioner Brigman resulted in a 2-3 vote with Chairman Goforth, Commissioner Gentry, and Commissioner Snelson voting opposed.

Mr. Laws called for a vote for the nomination for Commissioner Snelson for Board Vice-Chair. The nomination for Commissioner Snelson resulted in a 3-2 vote with Commissioners Brigman and Wechtel voting opposed.

**Agenda Item 3: Personnel**

County Manager Forrest Gilliam addressed the Board to notify them that he would be willing to extend his tenure to February 7, 2020 from the resignation that he had originally given on November 18, 2019 stating that his last day would be January 3, 2020 provided:

- Annual leave accrued for the 2019 calendar year is maintained and continues to accrue at the current rate until the date of departure, at which point he will be paid for the accrued annual leave for calendar year 2019 and for the amount accrued for the 2020 calendar year thorough February 7, 2020.
- February travel stipend is paid in full.

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

**Agenda Item 3: Adjournment**

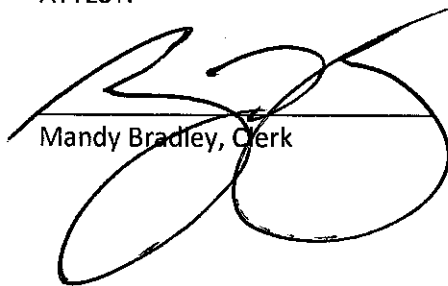
Upon motion of Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Brigman, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 16th day of December, 2019.

MADISON COUNTY

  
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Craig Goforth, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
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Mandy Bradley, Clerk