

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension-Madison County Center located at 258 Carolina Lane, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Craig Goforth; Vice-Chairman Mark Snelson; Commissioners Norris Gentry and Matt Wechtel; County Manager Mark Pullium; County Attorney Donny Laws; Clerk Mandy Bradley. Commissioner Brigman joined the meeting virtually via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Goforth upon motion by Vice-Chairman Snelson and second by Commissioner Gentry with unanimous approval of the Board.

Item 1: Dr. John Gossett, A-B Tech President Introduction

Frances Ramsey, A-B Tech of Trustees member introduced Dr. Gossett who spoke with the Board regarding the strong relationship between A-B Tech and Madison County as well as the future.

Commissioner Gentry requested if the Special Meeting Notice needed to be amended to include the Cares Funding discussion which Chairman Goforth and County Manager Mark Pullium noted was correct. Council was had by County Attorney Donny Laws who noted that the Notice could not be amended at this time.

Item 2: Schools Funding Request

Dr. Will Hoffman, Superintendent of Madison County Schools presented a request for funding to the Board as well as took questions from Board members. Dr. Hoffman discussed the school system's performance as well as the number of meals served and remote learning during the COVID-19 Pandemic. Discussion was had by the Board and Dr. Hoffman regarding the funding request. Dr. Hoffman noted that the funding request would be to cover electronic devices for students as well as COVID-19 compliance measures, virtual learning, and that he would like to request an additional nurse for the school system as well as funding for the school system's energy efficiency loan and for Capital Improvements to the High School. Discussion was had by the Board. Upon motion by Chairman Goforth and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted 3-1 to approve the pass through money that the County is holding for the School minus the Cares money that was requested with Commissioner Wechtel voting opposed and Commissioner Brigman abstaining from the vote. Commissioner Brigman requested clarification on the total funding being awarded in the amount of \$650,000.00 which included \$300,000.00 from the Schools Fund Balance and \$350,000.00 from the Schools Lottery Fund Balance. (Attachment 2.1)

Item 3: Ordinance Update and Revision Discussion

County Manager Mark Pullium discussed County Ordinances that need to be revised. Discussion regarding the County's Ordinances was had by the Board.

Item 4: One Quarter Cent Sales Tax Distribution Information

County Manager Mark Pullium presented and discussed the additional One Quarter Cent Sales Tax distribution information with the Board and presented a letter from the North Carolina Department of Revenue regarding the levy and distribution of the additional sales tax. (Attachment 4.1)

Item 5: Personnel, Item 6: Attorney-Client Privilege

Chairman Goforth called for a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3) and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6).

Board Clerk Mandy Bradley left the meeting and Deputy Clerk Brooke Smith entered into closed session with the Board.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Snelson and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted 4-0 to enter into open session.

Upon motion of Vice-Chairman Snelson and second of Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted 4-0 to allow Commissioner Brigman to participate in the next vote virtually via Zoom.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Snelson and second by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted 5-0 to accept Mark Pullium's resignation of his employment effective July 28, 2020.

Upon motion by Chairman Goforth and second by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted 4-0 to appoint Commissioner Norris Gentry as Interim County Manager including duties of Budget Office with details to be determined moving forward.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Snelson and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted 4-0 to hire Megan Gosnell as 911 Telecommunicator in the Emergency Services Department.

Upon motion by Chairman Goforth and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted 4-0 to hire Harry Norton as Regular, Part-Time Collection Center Attendant in the Solid Waste Department.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wechtel and second by Vice-Chairman Snelson, the Board voted 4-0 to hire Grover Cole as Temporary, Part-Time Substitute Collection Center Attendant in the Solid Waste Department.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Vice-Chairman Snelson, the Board voted 4-0 to hire Jeremy Anglin as HVAC Technician in the Maintenance Department.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wechtel and second by Vice-Chairman Snelson, the Board voted 4-0 to adjust the salaries of employees Peggy Goforth and Chris Maney to bring them up to the new Fair Labor Standards Act threshold.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Vice-Chairman Snelson, the Board voted 4-0 to hire Brooke Ledford as the Human Resources Director, effective July 29, 2020.

Item 7: Adjournment

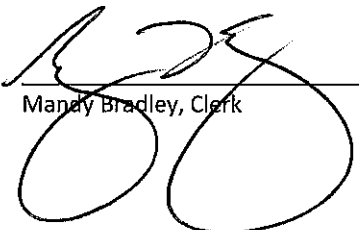
Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Vice-Chairman Snelson, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn.

This the 28th day of July, 2020.

MADISON COUNTY


Craig Goforth, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Mandy Bradley, Clerk

**APPLICATION
PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDING CAPITAL FUND
NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY**

Approved: _____

Attachment 2.1

Date: _____

County: Madison

Contact Person: Michael Wallin

LEA: Madison County Schools

Title: CFO

Address: 5738 US 25/70 Hwy. Marshall, NC 28

Phone: 828-649-9276 ext. 10121

Project Title: Debt payment for purchase of heating/air conditioning units Fiscal Year 2020-2021

Location: School System Wide

Type of Facility: School Buildings

North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 18C, provides that a portion of the proceeds of the North Carolina State Lottery Fund be transferred to the Public School Building Capital Fund in accordance with G.S. 115C-546.2. Further, G.S. 115C-546.2 (d) has been amended to include the following:

- (3) No county shall have to provide matching funds...
- (4) A county may use monies in this Fund to pay for school construction projects in local school administrative units and to retire indebtedness incurred for school construction projects.
- (5) A county may not use monies in this Fund to pay for school technology needs.

As used in this section, "Public School Buildings" shall include only facilities for individual schools that are used for instructional and related purposes, and does not include central administration, maintenance, or other facilities. **Applications must be submitted within one year following the date of final payment to the Contractor or Vendor.**

Short description of Construction Project: Debt payment for purchase of new heating/cooling units school system wide for current Fiscal Year 2020-2021


Estimated Costs:

Purchase of Land _____	\$ _____	
Planning and Design Services _____	_____	
New Construction _____	_____	
Additions / Renovations _____	_____	
Repair _____	_____	
Debt Payment / Bond Payment _____		350,000.00
TOTAL _____	\$ _____	350,000.00

Estimated Project Beginning Date: _____ Est. Project Completion Date: _____

We, the undersigned, agree to submit a statement of state monies expended for this project within 60 days following completion of the project.

The County Commissioners and the Board of Education do hereby jointly request approval of the above project, and request release of \$ 350,000.00 from the Public School Building Capital Fund (Lottery Distribution). We certify that the project herein described is within the parameters of G.S. 115C-546.


(Signature) — Chair, County Commissioners

7.28.20
(Date)

(Signature — Chair, Board of Education)

(Date)



North Carolina Department of Revenue

Roy Cooper
Governor

Ronald G. Penny
Secretary

June 30, 2020

Mandy Bradley
Clerk to the Board of
Commissioners/Assistant to the Board of
Commissioners
Post Office Box 579
Marshall, North Carolina 28753

Re: Additional One-Quarter Cent (1/4) County Sales and Use Tax

Dear Ms. Bradley:

We have Madison County's Resolution Levying an Additional One-Quarter Cent (1/4) County Sales and Use Tax dated June 23, 2020 and the certified copy of the Madison County Board of Elections results regarding the referendum.

After a review of the resolution, we have determined that Madison County meets the requirements per N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 105-537 and 105-538. The additional one-quarter cent tax levy for sales or purchases in Madison County is effective October 1, 2020. The Department will be notifying each registered sales and use taxpayer of the new levy.

The additional one-quarter cent tax levy will be reflected in the sales and use tax distribution for November 2020 collections and will be paid to Madison County in December 2020.

If I can be of further assistance, please advise.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ed Strickland".

Ed Strickland
Administration Officer
Sales and Use Tax Division

ES: dpp

cc: Ginny C. Upchurch, Director – Sales and Use Tax Division