

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 3:00 p.m. at the Madison County Public Library Marshall Branch, 1335 N. Main Street, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Matt Wechtel, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Jeremy Hensley, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Clerk Mandy Bradley. Vice-Chairman Michael Garrison and County Attorney Donny Laws joined the meeting at 3:01 p.m. and 4:26 p.m., respectively.

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Wechtel.

Vice-Chairman Garrison joined the meeting at 3:01 p.m.

Item 1: FY 2023-2024 Budget Discussion

County Manager Rod Honeycutt presented the proposed FY 2023-2024 budget as well as answered questions from members of the Board. Information contained in the proposed budget discussion included proposed budgetary adjustments as well as a review of departmental and expenditure line items for budgets of the Medical Examiner, Clerk of Court, Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College, Madison County Schools, the North Carolina Forest Service, Emergency Management Services, Debt Services, and County Departmental lines.

Discussion was had by the Board, Mr. Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford regarding proposed adjustments, total budgetary amount, structure of the budget, capital improvement planning, and future budget meetings of the Board.

Upon motion by Commissioner Briggs and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to recess at 4:12 p.m.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to return to the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

County Attorney Donny Laws joined the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

Mr. Honeycutt discussed the Admin Management Budget and requested confirmation to maintain the status quo for county subsidies while creating no new subsidy programs within the County. Counsel was provided by County Attorney Laws regarding the elderly subsidy program for the Enterprise Fund's Solid Waste Availability Fee and previous consideration of expansion of the program while noting a previous decision on behalf of the Board to not move forward with the subsidy program, but that in order to maintain the elderly subsidy program, the Board would need to continue that program. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, with discussion by the Board and further counsel by Attorney Laws, the Board voted unanimously to return to the status quo with no new additional subsidy expansion.

Discussion was had by the Board regarding the consideration of additional funding for youth programming in the County.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) at 4:40 p.m.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 5:53 p.m.

Mr. Honeycutt presented on behalf of Emergency Management Services, the hire request of Mackey Gaddy as a

911 Telecommunicator. Upon motion by Chairman Wechtel and second by Vice-Chairman Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Mr. Honeycutt requested authorization to immediately accept the resignation of Amanda Waldrop. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Chairman Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Item 2: Adjournment

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 5:54 p.m.

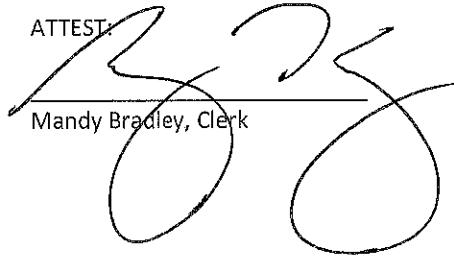
This the 16th day of May 2023.

MADISON COUNTY



Matt Wechtel, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Mandy Bradley, Clerk