

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:00 pm at A-B Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Wayne Brigman, Vice-Chairman Norris Gentry, Commissioner Clayton Rice, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Matt Wechtel, County Attorney Donny Laws, County Manager Forrest Gilliam, and Deputy Clerk Brooke Smith.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Brigman.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Agenda

Additions:

1. Item 12 – Closed Session Attorney Client Privilege
2. Item 13 – Adjournment

Deletions: None

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of August 2018 (Special and Regular Meeting) Minutes

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the August 2018 (Special and Regular Meeting) Minutes as submitted.

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment

1. Keith Ray: Spoke on behalf of a community group from the Laurel community who would like to turn the old Laurel School into a community center.
2. Bobby Franklin: Spoke on behalf of a community group from the Laurel community who would like to turn the old Laurel School into a community center.

Agenda Item 4: Cameron Waldroup, Madison High School 4-H Youth Voice Report

Mr. Waldroup was the Youth Delegate for the 2018 Youth Voice Conference. Mr. Waldroup presented the board with a summary of the Conference and the skills that he learned while attending, including leadership skills which he plans to use in his everyday life. Mr. Waldroup attended many workshops at the Conference, and he also had breakfast with County Manager Forrest Gilliam. He stated that he learned a lot about the workings of government, specifically budget, and was glad to learn about this process.

Agenda Item 5: Connie Molland, Cycle NC Presentation

Ms. Molland is a member of the Madison County Economic Development Board and President of the Downtown Marshall Association. She was approached by Cycle, NC, a nonprofit organization specializing in planning and hosting cycling races, about hosting the 2019 Mountain Weekend ride in Marshall. Cycle, NC has been hosting rides for 20 years – a Mountains to Coast Ride, a Coastal Ride, and a Mountain Ride. Ms. Molland introduced Madison County resident Terry McGhee, who rode in the 2018 Mountain Weekend Ride in August in Tryon, NC. He has participated in several of Cycle, NC's events over the last several years. He cannot speak highly enough about Cycle, NC.

Ms. Molland is asking for approval to use Blannahasset Island as a one-time camp ground for the event for ride participants to be able to stay in town during the event.

Vice-Chairman Gentry thanked Ms. Molland and all of the others involved in promoting Marshall and Madison County.

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the use of Blannahasset Island for the Cycle, NC Weekend Mountain Ride 2019.

Agenda Item 6: Melanie Morgan, Director of Madison County Public Libraries

Ms. Morgan announced that the Madison County Public Libraries have been named the Best Small Library in America. For this prestigious award, the Library made the cover of the national publication, Library Journal. A copy of this is being placed in each branch of the library. Ms. Morgan stated that without strong community partnerships this award would not have been possible.

Vice-Chairman Gentry thanked Ms. Morgan and her staff for all of their hard work and commended the Madison County Public Libraries for this award.

Agenda Item 7: Lori Ray, Tax Administrator

Ms. Ray presented the Order of Collection for 2018 taxes. This is required by North Carolina General Statute 105-321. This order officially directs the Tax Collector to collect the 2018 taxes charged. Per Attorney Laws, this is required.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to approve the Collection of Taxes for 2018 as outlined in North Carolina General Statute 105-321.

Agenda Item 8: Donny Laws, County Attorney

Mr. Laws presented the proposed contract for the services of the DSS attorney. The County funds this, so the county is the party that enters into the contract. The recommendation is for the current DSS Attorney, Mr. Daniel Hockaday, to continue to perform the services under the same contract terms as the previous year. The DSS board has already approved the contract on their side. This is a standard contract with forms required by the state. The expenses are already accounted for in budget.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve the contract for DSS legal representation with Mr. Daniel Hockaday.

Agenda Item 9: Brooke Smith, Human Resources Director

Personnel

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to hire Edmond Buchanan as a Full-Time Facility Worker I in the Maintenance Department.

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to hire Gloria Viehout as Part-Time Assistant Cook in the Nutrition Program of the Community Services Department and increase the hours of current Part-Time Cook Randy Bailey from twenty hours to twenty-five hours per week.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to hire Jodi Brazil as a Part-Time Registered Nurse/Community Health Educator at the Health Department.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, voted unanimously to hire Alexis Nix as Part-Time Shelter Worker II in the Animal Shelter.

Agenda Item 10: Rhea Hollars, Finance Officer

a. August 2018 Financial Report

Mrs. Hollars presented the board with the July 2018 Financial Report (attached).

b. Budget Amendment #3

Mrs. Hollars presented the board with Budget Amendment #2 (attached).

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #2.

c. August 2018 Tax Releases

Mrs. Hollars presented the board with the July 2018 Property Tax Releases (attached).

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve the July 2018 Property Tax Releases.

Agenda Item 11: Forrest Gilliam, County Manager

a. County Manager Update

Mr. Gilliam reiterated the information given by Finance Officer, Rhea Hollars, concerning the budget for the last fiscal year. Although it was a tight budget, we ended the year with a small surplus, which is positive. Mr. Gilliam stated that for the current fiscal year's budget, things are looking good so far.

Mr. Gilliam gave an update on the community forum on opioids that was held in August. The forum was organized and hosted by the Madison County Health Department. About 85 members of the community attended. Multiple speakers gave presentations, and it was a very informative event for the community.

b. Memorandum of Understanding – Drug Court

Mr. Gilliam stated that the board included funds in their budget to pay for one-third of a drug court coordinator position to share with Yancey and Mitchell counties in order to start drug court services in Madison County. After meeting with other counties who are running similar programs, the three counties have been recommended to contract with Restorative Justice, a nonprofit in Boone, NC, in order to fill the coordinator position. This nonprofit organization has experience in this type of work and is able to skillfully employ the coordinator to meet the needs of the County. Also, working with Restorative Justice will allow the coordinator to only be split between Madison County and one other county for the same amount of money. Finally, while Restorative Justice will hire and supervise the coordinator, the County will have veto power for the coordinator.

Mr. Laws stated that Mr. Gilliam is exactly right. He also added that the key to this drug court program is getting a good coordinator to drive the program. Mr. Laws is hopeful to have all of the items in place by next week.

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to authorize the execution of the Memorandum Of Understanding and to authorize the County Manager and the County Attorney to work with other counties to complete a contract with Restorative Justice.

Agenda Item 12: Closed Session

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for the discussion of Personnel and Attorney Client Privilege.

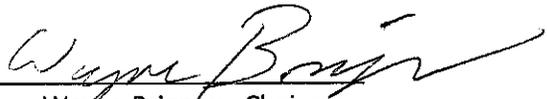
Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to return to open session.

Agenda Item 13: Adjournment

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 18th day of September, 2018.

MADISON COUNTY

By: 
Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Brooke Smith, Deputy Clerk