

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. at the Madison County Public Library Marshall Branch, 1335 N. Main Street, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Mark Snelson, Vice-Chairman Craig Goforth, Commissioner and Interim County Manager Norris Gentry, Commissioner Matt Wechtel, Commissioner Michael Garrison, County Attorney Donny Laws, and Clerk Mandy Bradley.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Snelson.

Item 1: Personnel

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Vice-Chairman Goforth, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for personnel at 5:01 p.m.

Due to an emergency, at 6:36 p.m. Chairman Snelson left the meeting prior to returning to open session. Discussion was had by the Board and counsel provided by County Attorney Laws. Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to go forward with the meeting and Chairman Snelson was excused.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrison and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 6:50 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted to take a five minute recess at 6:51 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wechtel and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to return from recess at 6:55 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wechtel and second by Commissioner Gentry, with discussion being had by board members, the Board voted unanimously to remove Item 4, County Fire Tax.

Human Resources Director Brooke Ledford presented the request to hire Ryan Ray for the position of the Solid Waste Recycle Truck Driver. Upon motion by Commissioner Wechtel and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Human Resources Director Brooke Ledford presented the request to hire Skylar West for the position of Dispatcher in the Emergency Management Department. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Goforth and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Item 2: Maintenance Comprehensive Planning

No discussion was had by the Board.

Item 3: Opioid Settlement Planning

Health Director Tammy Cody and Rachel Potter with the Health Department presented a power point and discussed planning for the National Opioid Settlement as well as answered questions from Board members.

Information discussed included an overview of opioid prescriptions, the history of the opioid health crisis, overdose and usage rates, the impact on the County, and how to move forward with proposed programs that the County could create

in the future. Ms. Cody also discussed a grant award from the Dogwood Health Trust to assist with hiring a program director to aid with identifying a strategy to meet the needs of the County.

Chairman Snelson returned to the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Discussion was had by the Board, County Attorney Laws, and Ms. Potter regarding the funding allocated to counties from the settlement as well as the proposed North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Memorandum of Agreement pertaining to the settlement, the steps taken for the County to join the settlement, and fees of attorneys representing the case with a member of the audience requesting clarification regarding the Memorandum of Agreement.

Item 4: County Fire Tax

No discussion was had by the Board.

Item 5: Solid Waste Funding Review

Solid Waste Director Sam Lunsford and Operations Administrator Billy Davis presented information as well as answered questions from Board members regarding solid waste funding for counties in the State of North Carolina compared with Madison County's Solid Waste Enterprise Fund.

Discussion was had by the Board, Mr. Lunsford, and Mr. Davis regarding population of each county, the type of fund that manages other solid waste departments, operation logistics, and solid waste fees. Additional information included a history of the County's Solid Waste Availability Fee and how it is charged as well as the collection rate and dollar amount collected during the past several years.

Item 6: Attorney-Client Privilege

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to return to closed session for attorney-client privilege at 8:19 p.m.

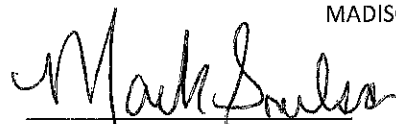
Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 8:28 p.m.

Item 7: Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:29 p.m.

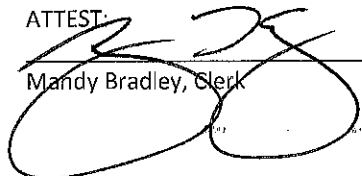
This the 30th day of November, 2021.

MADISON COUNTY



Mark Snelson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Mandy Bradley, Clerk