

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 5:30 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, County Attorney Donny Laws, and Clerk Mandy Bradley with Commissioner Michael Garrison attending via remote means at the following location:

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The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairman Snelson.

Item 1: Consideration of Issuance of Request for Quotes for Engineering Services, Water/Sewer Grant S.L. 2021-180

No discussion was had.

Item 2: American Rescue Plan Act Funds Management

American Rescue Plan Act Grant Manager Ross Young presented a Power Point presentation and discussed information regarding management and future spending allocations of ARPA funds as well as answered questions from the Board.

Information discussed included compliance with federal regulations; the U.S Treasury's final rule for the ARPA fiscal recovery fund; allowances for spending funds including addressing COVID public health and negative economic impact, replacement of lost revenue, premium pay, and infrastructure investments; strategic spending planning to maximize the monetary benefit; fund matching of ARPA funds for current and future broadband infrastructure grants; and County policies that would be required in consideration of compliance guidellines.

Discussion was had by Mr. Young and members of the Board with counsel being provided by County Attorney Donny Laws regarding federal guidelines for spending of funds as well as project priorities including the allocation of state budget funds for sewer and water infrastructure with the Towns of Marshall and Mars Hill.

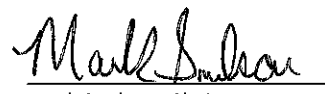
The funding of future broadband infrastructure was further discussed by Mr. Young and the Board regarding the amount to allocate for the project with Chairman Snelson giving a final recommendation that \$100,000.00 be set aside for future expansion. Counsel was provided by County Attorney Laws who noted that a formal vote would not be required for the direction of the allocation of the broadband funds from American Rescue Plan Act funding.

Item 3: Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Vice-Chairman Goforth, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:24 p.m.

This the 22nd day of February 2022.

MADISON COUNTY


Mark Snelson, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Mandy Bradley, Clerk