Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at 4:00 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 4:00 p.m. by Chairman Snelson.

Item 1: Legal Advice Regarding Ordinance Enforcement and Potential Litigation

Item 1 held.

Item 2: FY 2022-2023 Budget Discussion

County Attorney Donny Laws discussed S.L. 2021-180 water and sewer funding allocations to the County. He noted that upon verification from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality, the funding could be used for any water and or sewer infrastructure expansion project in the County with no specific earmarks being noted on the funding and he requested direction from the Board for the issuance of a project Request for Qualifications.

Discussion was had by the Board and Attorney Laws who answered questions from Board members regarding the allowance of flexibility in the plan.

Attorney Laws exited the meeting at 4:14 p.m.

Item 1: Legal Advice Regarding Ordinance Enforcement and Potential Litigation (cont.)

County Planning and Zoning Attorney John Noor with Roberts and Stevens requested the consideration of closed session to discuss potential litigation.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Chairman Snelson, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session to discuss potential litigation pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) at 4:15 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Chairman Snelson, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 5:27 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Chairman Snelson, the Board voted unanimously to recess at 5:27 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Chairman Snelson, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 5:40 p.m.

Item 2: FY 2022-2023 Budget Discussion (cont.)

Finance Officer Kary Ledford discussed proposed budgetary allocations for the FY 2022-2023 budget with the Board as well as answered questions from Board members. Information discussed included American Rescue Plan Act funding, salaries, capital improvements, departmental budgetary requests versus actual spending of funding, and tax collection rate.

The Board took recess from 7:11 p.m. to 7:17 p.m.

Item 3: Solid Waste Operational Options and Request for Proposal Consideration

Solid Waste Director Sam Lunsford discussed Solid Waste Departmental operations with the Board and answered questions from Board members. Information discussed included operations, the department's Enterprise fund, potential outsourcing, and daily departmental functions.

Item 4: Madison County Personnel Policy

Commissioner Gentry requested to strike Item 4.

Item 5: Personnel

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Vice-Chairman Goforth, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) at 8:21 p.m.

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 9:08 p.m.

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, Human Resources Director Brooke Ledford requested the hire of Alicia King as the Summer Program Coordinator. Upon motion by Chairman Snelson and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

On behalf of the Transportation and Operations Department, Human Resources Director Brooke Ledford requested the hire of Pat Hagerman as a Transportation Driver. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Goforth and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Item 6: Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:09 p.m.

This the 28th day of April 2022.

MADISON COUNTY

Mark Snelson, Chairman Board of Commissioners

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Mandy Bradley Clerk