

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension-Madison County Center located at 258 Carolina Lane, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were 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 6:00 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Goforth.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wechtel and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as submitted.

Item 1: Update On Board of Adjustment and Planning Board Meetings

Brad Guth, Development Services Director was present at the meeting along with Attorney John Noor with Roberts & Stevens, P.A. who attended via electronic means. Mr. Guth discussed the Board of Adjustment and the composition of the board as well as answered questions.

Information discussed by Mr. Guth included seats of the Board of Adjustment, members necessary to be reflective of a quorum, meetings, and functions of the Board. County Attorney Laws discussed further details regarding Board composition and the ability to appoint additional members.

Mr. Guth also discussed meetings and functions of the Planning Board as well as possible future staff recommendations for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment.

Discussion was had by the Board. Upon motion of Commissioner Wechtel and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to table the discussion until the next meeting.

Mr. Guth discussed various items that have been heard before the Planning Board including projects from Gid Flynn Road and Long Ridge Heights. He also discussed considerations for possible amendments to the County's Land Use Ordinance, biomass development, and the approval process for permitting.

Attorney Noor discussed the possibility of enacting a future moratorium to address biomass development in the County and discussion was had by the Board.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wechtel and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to direct legal counsel to put together a potential Resolution to consider and for staff to start the proper process upon advice of legal counsel.

Discussion was had by the Board and Mr. Guth regarding the moratorium on commercial assembly related development and staff working to address further components for it as well as the County's Comprehensive Plan and future directives for the Development Services Department.

Item 2: Madison County vs. Fried Tai; Case Number 19-CVD-51, Item 3: David Matluck vs Madison County et al; Case Number 22-CVS-55, Item 4: Jennifer J. Gregory vs. Madison County et al; Case Number 22-CVS-73, Item 5: Personnel

At 6:31 p.m., upon motion by Vice-Chairman Goforth and second by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to enter closed session for legal advice and personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(1) and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) regarding Madison County vs. Fried Tai, Case Number 19-CVD-51; David Matluck vs. Madison County et al, Case Number 22-CVS-55; and Jennifer J. Gregory vs. Madison County et al, Case Number 22-CVS-73.

At 6:54 p.m., upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session and recess until after the 7:00 p.m. meeting on August 9, 2022, to be held at the N.C. Cooperative Extension Office-Madison County Center located at 258 Carolina Lane, Marshall, NC 28753.

At 10:00 p.m., upon motion by Commissioner Garrison and second by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to come out of recess and return to closed session to resume the meeting on August 9, 2022, at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Office-Madison County Center located at 258 Carolina Lane, Marshall, North Carolina. In attendance were Vice-Chairman Goforth, Commissioner/Interim County Manager Norris Gentry, Commissioner Matt Wechtel, Commissioner Michael Garrison, County Attorney Donny Laws, and Clerk Mandy Bradley.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrison and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 11:04 p.m.

Human Resources Director Brooke Ledford presented the vacancy in the Tax Office for the position of Tax Clerk to serve as administrative support for tax collection and appraisal to employ Betty Turner. Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Human Resources Director Brooke Ledford presented the vacancy in the Solid Waste Department for the position of Recycle Truck Driver to employ Casey Tweed. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Goforth and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

Human Resources Director Brooke Ledford presented the vacancy in the Human Resources Department for the position of Human Resources Technician to employ Brandi Rice. Upon motion by Commissioner Garrison and second by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

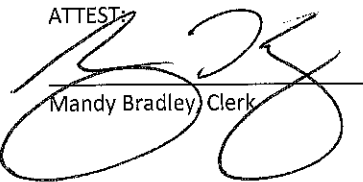
Item 6: Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Gentry and second by Commissioner Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 11:06 p.m.

This the 9th day of August 2022.

MADISON COUNTY


Mark Shelton, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Mandy Bradley, Clerk