

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Wednesday, April 26, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Madison County Public Library Marshall Branch, 1335 N. Main Street, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Matt Wechtel, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Jeremy Hensley, Commissioner Alan Wyatt, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Clerk Mandy Bradley. Vice-Chairman Michael Garrison joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Chairman Wechtel.

**Item 1: FY 2023-2024 Budget Discussion**

County Manager Rod Honeycutt discussed proposed departmental budgets to be included for consideration of the meeting.

Commissioner Michael Garrison entered the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Mary Jane Wallin, Register of Deeds presented and discussed proposed budget information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Register of Deeds Office as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Wallin, and Mr. Honeycutt.

Sheriff Buddy Harwood joined by Darlyne Rhinehart, Fiscal Officer for the Sheriff's Office presented and discussed proposed budget information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Sheriff's Office as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Sheriff Harwood, Ms. Rhinehart, Finance Officer Kary Ledford, and Mr. Honeycutt.

Jesse Roberts, Maintenance Director presented and discussed proposed budget information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Maintenance Department as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Roberts, Ms. Ledford, and Mr. Honeycutt.

Louis Roberts, Interim Emergency Management Director and Fire Marshal presented and discussed proposed budget information and requests with the Board on behalf of Emergency Management and the Fire Marshal as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Roberts, and Mr. Honeycutt.

Mr. Honeycutt presented and discussed proposed budget information and requests with the Board on behalf of the E-911 Department as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Louis Roberts, Ms. Ledford, and Mr. Honeycutt.

Brad Guth, Development Services Director presented and discussed proposed budget information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Development Services Department as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Guth, Building Inspector Danny Allen, Ms. Ledford, and Mr. Honeycutt.

Upon motion by Chairman Wechtel and second by Commissioner Briggs, the Board voted unanimously that County departments get a flat rate agreement for all credit card transactions like the Tax Office so that the person paying the bill pays the convenience fee instead of passing along the cost to taxpayers.

Further discussion was had by the Board, Ms. Ledford, and Mr. Honeycutt regarding the allocation of Article 44 Funds for economic development in the County.

Tammy Cody, Health Director presented and discussed proposed budget information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Health Department as well as answered questions from Board members.

Commissioner Briggs exited the meeting at 7:29 p.m.

Discussion regarding the Health Department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Cody, Ms. Ledford, and Mr. Honeycutt.

Commissioner Briggs returned to the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Further discussion was had by the Board regarding the Health Department's proposed budget, project funding, and work of the department with comment being received from a member of the audience regarding the work of Environment Health.

The Board took recess from 8:07 p.m. to 8:13 p.m.

Mr. Honeycutt presented and discussed the Board of Commissioners proposed budget with the Board as answered as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Board's proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Ledford, and Mr. Honeycutt.

Mr. Honeycutt presented and discussed the proposed budget for the Finance Office with the Board on behalf of the Finance Office as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the department's proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Ledford, and Mr. Honeycutt.

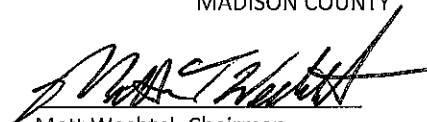
Discussion was had regarding future budget meetings of the Board.

**Item 2: Adjournment**

Upon motion by Commissioner Briggs and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:53 p.m.

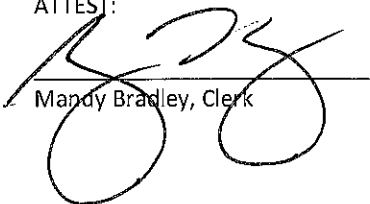
This the 26th day of April 2023.

MADISON COUNTY



Matt Wechtel, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Mandy Bradley, Clerk