

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Office-Madison County Center, 258 Carolina Lane, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Matt Wechtel, Vice-Chairman Michael Garrison, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Jeremy Hensley, Commissioner Alan Wyatt, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Clerk Mandy Bradley.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Wechtel.

**Item 1: Property Leases**

County Manager Rod Honeycutt presented and discussed various property leases held by the County with the Board. Information discussed included agencies, organizations, and entities with which leases are held, terms, and the process for which the County may enter into a lease as well as proposed terms for length of the leases.

Discussion was had by the Board and Madison County Fairgrounds Board representative Jimmy Huffman who answered questions from members of the Board and discussed the property lease with the Fairgrounds as well as future plans of the Fairgrounds.

Spring Creek Community Center representative Alice McVey discussed information with the Board regarding the property lease for the Spring Creek Community Center as well as answered questions from members of the Board.

Additional discussion was had by the Board and County Manager Honeycutt regarding possible terms of property leases presently held by the County and those in the future, how leases are administered, allowances of the leases, and how the properties are utilized and by whom as well as the proposal for a timeline for execution of new leases with comment being provided by members of the audience.

**Item 2: S.L. 2021-180 State Capital Infrastructure Fund Directed Grant Amended Project Ordinance**

Grants Manager Ross Young presented and discussed the amended project ordinance for the S.L. 2021-180 State Capital Infrastructure Fund Directed Grant with the Board noting that a new development of information regarding the scope of work for the courthouse renovation project funded by the grant would facilitate the need for further amendments to the Ordinance in the future in such a way that he would request that the Board not consider the proposed Ordinance at this time.

Discussion was had by the Board and Mr. Young.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to table until there was a new project ordinance to review.

**Item 3: Unified Madison-Opioid Response Grant Project Ordinance**

The Unified Madison-Opioid Response Grant Project Ordinance was presented to the Board and discussed by Grant Manager Ross Young who also answered questions from members of the Board.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Wyatt with further discussion being had by the Board and Mr. Young, the Board voted unanimously to move forward with the grant project ordinance. (Attachment 3.1)

**Item 4: Personnel**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for personnel pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) at 6:57 p.m.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 8:23 p.m.

County Manager Honeycutt presented the request for the change of Ross Young from Grants Manager to Project Manager at the same salary beginning November 1, 2023. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

County Manager Honeycutt presented the request on behalf of the Animal Shelter for the hire of Neveah Rice to fill the position of Part-Time Animal Technician at a salary of \$12.67 per hour and twenty (20) hours per week. Upon motion by Commissioner Wyatt and second by Chairman Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

County Manager Honeycutt presented the request on behalf of the Transportation and Operations Department for the hire of Charles Williams to fill the position of Part-Time Driver at a salary of \$12.39 per hour. Upon motion by Chairman Wechtel and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

County Manager Honeycutt presented the request on behalf of the Transportation and Operations Department for the hire of David Hensley to fill the position of Part-Time Driver at a salary of \$12.03 per hour. Upon motion by Commissioner Wyatt and second by Vice-Chairman Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

County Manager Honeycutt presented the request on behalf of the Emergency 9-1-1 Department for the hire of Jasmyn Fox to fill the position of Telecommunicator I at a salary of \$16.00 per hour. Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

County Manager Honeycutt presented the request on behalf of the Emergency 9-1-1 Department for the hire of Amber Roberts to fill the position of Telecommunicator I at a salary of \$16.00 per hour. Upon motion by Commissioner Hensley and second by Commissioner Wyatt, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

County Manager Honeycutt presented the request on behalf of the Emergency 9-1-1 Department for the hire of Morgan Silvers to fill the position of Part-Time Telecommunicator I as required by the Director at a salary of \$16.00 per hour. Upon motion by Commissioner Wyatt and second by Commissioner Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to approve.

**Item 4: Adjournment**

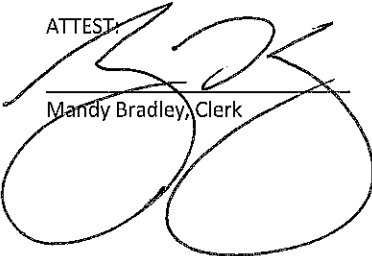
Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

This the 22nd day of August 2023.

MADISON COUNTY

  
Matt Wechtel, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Mandy Bradley, Clerk

## Grant Project Ordinance for the County of Madison, NC for the Dogwood Health Trust Unified Madison – Opioid Response grant.

BE IT ORDAINED by the County of Madison, North Carolina that, pursuant to Section 13.2 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the following grant project ordinance is hereby adopted:

**Section 1:** This ordinance is to establish a budget to be funded by a grant awarded to Madison County from the Dogwood Health Trust. The purpose of this funding is to pay the salary, benefits and expenses of a position tasked with coordinating an opioid response program as set forth by the NC Memorandum of Understanding for the Opioid Settlement. These funds may be used to the extent authorized by state law.

**Section 2:** These funds partially fund a full-time position entitled: Grant Coordinator for a period of 5 years. Dogwood Health Trust funds will pay for the Opioid Coordinator roles which is one half of the responsibilities of this position.

**Section 3:** The following amounts are appropriated for the project and authorized for expenditure:

Salary/benefits:	\$136,000 (split over 5 years)
Computer/Cell/Data:	\$4,500
Office Furnishings:	\$5,000
Travel/Training/Meetings:	\$12,100
Administrative:	\$15,760
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$173,360</b>

**Section 4:** The Grants Manager working under the direction of the County Finance Officer is hereby directed to maintain sufficient, detailed accounting records to satisfy the requirements of the grantor in concurrence with the grant agreements.

**Section 5:** The Grants Manager working under the direction of the County Finance Officer is hereby directed to report the financial status of the project to the governing board on a quarterly basis and complete a progress report to Dogwood Health Trust every July 31 of each year prior to 2028.

**Section 6:** Copies of this grant project ordinance shall be furnished to the Board of Commissioners and voted on in a public meeting.

**Section 7:** This grant project ordinance expires on August 31, 2028.

Adopted on this 22 day of August 2023

Madison County Board of Commissioners

Chairman 