

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, March 26, 2024, 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 Chairman Matt Wechtel, Vice-Chairman Michael Garrison, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Jeremy Hensley, Commissioner Alan Wyatt, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, County Attorney Donny Laws, and Clerk Mandy Bradley.

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

Item 1: Transportation Authority Drug and Alcohol Policy Update, Item 2: McGill Associates Land Acquisition Assistance Contract

Chairman Wechtel discussed with the Board that the items would not be presented for consideration at this time.

Item 3: FY 2024-2025 Budget Discussion

County Manager Rod Honeycutt presented the staff proposal for the FY 2024-2025 budget. Information discussed included the budget timeline and meeting schedule, revenue neutral statement and process, budgets facts, budgeted employee positions, millage rate, projections for current revaluation of real property being conducted by the tax department, total budgetary expense projection, recommended employee salary adjustments, expenses, and revenues.

Discussion was had by the Board, Manager Honeycutt, Finance Officer Kary Ledford, and Tax Administrator Diana Norton.

Information for non-departmental budgets including the medical examiner, bank charges, court facilities, professional services, fund transfer out, Asheville Buncombe Technical College, management administration, county planning development, debt services, ambulance service, and fire departments were discussed with the Board by Manager Honeycutt who also noted proposed employee longevity pay options and discussed previous bonus pay of employees.

Additional discussion was had by the Board, Manager Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Item 4: Acquisition of Real Property, Item 5: Legal Advice Regarding Planning and Zoning Matters

Upon motion by Chairman Wechtel and second by Commissioner Wyatt, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(3) and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(5) at 7:00 p.m.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 8:20 p.m.

County Manager Rod Honeycutt discussed the development of a listing of potential County projects for possible completion with potential future legislative funding allocations and discussion was had by the Board.

Discussion was had regarding the development of the County's internal workgroup to review the Mountain Ridge Protection Ordinance.

Item 4: Adjournment

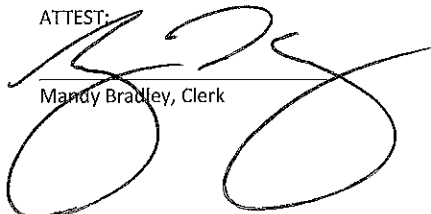
Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

This the 26th day of March 2024.

MADISON COUNTY


Matt Wechtel, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Mandy Bradley, Clerk