

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom, Madison County Courthouse, Marshall, NC.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were Chairman Wayne Brigman, Vice-Chairman Clayton Rice, Commissioner Jim Baker, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Norris Gentry, County Manager Forrest Gilliam, Attorney Donny Laws and Clerk Darlyne Rhinehart.

I.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following change: Item 12 – Remove Clyde Hagan and add Harold Hunter.

II.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2015, the January 22, 2015, and the February 3, 2015 meetings.

III.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement between the City of Asheville and Madison County for funding through the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for HOME Investment Partnerships Program funding in the amount of \$90,000.00.

IV.

Sandy Stevenson appeared before the Board to present the Appalachian Barn Alliance 2014 annual report and to provide the goals for the 2015 calendar year.

V.

Upon recommendation of Dr. Ron Wilcox, Superintendent of Schools, and upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commission Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to approve \$6,230.00 in 40/42 funds to pay for an assessment of the Rock Building at Mars Hill relative to determining the feasibility of using the building for an Early College building.

VI.

Mr. Dyatt Smathers, Board of Elections Chairman, appeared before the Board with an update on the purchase agreement with Election Systems & Software for new voting machines.

VII.

Dr. Kathy Ray, Board of Elections Director, appeared before the Board to request a three percent salary increase for the Deputy Director. Chairman Brigman called for motion by the Board. No motion was received.

Upon request from Dr. Ray, and upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Chairman Brigman, the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve a compensation increase in the amount of \$100.00 per month per member for the Board of Elections. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioner Rice, Chairman Brigman, Commissioner Briggs, and Commissioner Gentry. Voting in the negative was Commissioner Baker.

VIII.

Upon recommendation from Jim Huff, Solid Waste Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve a 60 day extension of the Solid Waste Hauling Contract with Mr. J. D. Gosnell for transport of waste to a disposal facility in Lowland, TN.

IX.

Upon recommendation from John Graeter, Interim Health Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve Deana Stephens as the Community Health Director retroactive to January 12, 2015. Mrs. Stephens will move from a Public Health Nurse II to a Public Health Nurse III.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry the Board voted unanimously to approve a right of way easement with French Broad EMC for lighting at the Health Department.

X.

Upon recommendation from Teresa Ogle, 911 Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the posting of a job vacancy for a 911 Dispatcher position.

XI.

Upon recommendation from Regina Sams, Community Services Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the posting of a job vacancy for an In Home Aide with Community Services.

XII.

Upon request from Harold Hunter, member of the Madison County Soil & Water Conservation District Board, and upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve funding in the amount of \$6,000.00 for temporary employment for the remainder of the fiscal year.

XIII.

Chairman Brigman called for nominations to the Board of Health for the Professional Engineer slot. Commissioner Rice nominated Larry Peek. Nominations ceased. Mr. Peek was approved by the full Board.

Chairman Brigman called for nominations to the Nursing Adult Care Advisory Council. Commissioner Gentry nominated Carol Gunter Rice. Nominations ceased. Mrs. Rice was approved by the full Board.

Chairman Brigman called for nominations to the Madison County Partnership for Children and Families. Commissioner Rice nominated Commissioner Gentry. Nominations ceased. Mr. Gentry was approved by the full Board.

Chairman Brigman called form nominations to the Ad Hoc Committee on Veteran Services. Commissioner Baker nominated Sue Vilcinkas. Commissioner Briggs nominated Bernard Briggs. Commissioner Brigman nominated Ronnie Haynie. Commissioner Gentry nominated Bud Marler. Commissioner Rice nominated Ernest Ramsey. Nominations ceased. Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry the Board voted unanimously to approve Sue Vilcinkas, Bernard Briggs, Ronnie Haynie, Bud Marler, Ernest Ramsey, Warren Ponder, Chris Ledford, Kyle Hutchison, and Ken Ray to the Ad Hoc Committee on Veteran Services.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve Forrest Gilliam to serve on the 911 Board, the Animal Control Board, and the Council on Aging, the EMS Advisory Board, the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council, the Transportation Advisory Board, and the Visitor Center Board of Directors.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve a spending authorization/limit of \$5,000.00 for the County Manager. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Gentry, Chairman Brigman, and Commissioner Briggs. Voting in the negative was Commissioner Baker.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted 3 to 2 to employ a professional architect, the firm being used by the Board of Education, to do an assessment of the Courthouse. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioner Gentry, Commissioner Rice and Chairman Brigman. Voting in the negative were Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Briggs.

Mr. Gilliam informed the Board that the County had adopted a Public Comment Policy in July of 2002.

The Board postponed action in regards to the streaming of Commissioners meetings to the March meeting in order to receive an assessment of the cost involved.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Commissioners meeting schedule for 2015 with the change of the July meeting from July 14<sup>th</sup> to July 21<sup>st</sup>.

XIV.

The Board received the January Financial Report.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #07.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Property Tax/Vehicle Tax Releases/Refunds.

XV.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:38 p.m.

This the 10<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.

MADISON COUNTY

By:   
Wayne Brigman, Chair  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk