

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, September 08, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room of A-B Tech, Marshall, NC.

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

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brigman.

Attorney Laws explained the general statutes regarding the replacement of Jim Baker who recently resigned from the Board of Commissioners. Attorney Laws noted that the Board is bound by the recommendation of the Republican Party to name that person as the replacement.

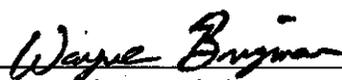
The Board affirmed the recommendation of the Republican Party to name Matthew Wechtel to replace Jim Baker as Commissioner for the remainder of Mr. Baker's unexpired term.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted to adjourn this special meeting.

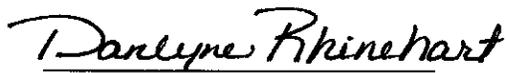
This the 8th day of September, 2015.

MADISON COUNTY

By:


Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 08, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at A-B Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, NC.

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

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

I.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following additions:

- 11. d. Board Appointments
- 10. e. Courthouse Renovation Update
- 13. a. Internet Access/County Employees

II.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2015 and August 18, 2015 meeting with changes made to Item VIII to include "with the exception of the current book" and to add the vote to Item II showing that Commissioners Brigman, Gentry and Briggs voted in the affirmative and Commissioner Rice voting in the negative. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Brigman, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Gentry. Commissioner Wechtel did not vote due to his just being named to the Board.

III.

Kassie Robinson, Child Support Enforcement Director, appeared before the Board to present a departmental update on the Child Support Enforcement Office. In June there were 663 open cases in Madison County. The Office had reached 107% of the collection goals and received recognition at the state level.

IV.

Chris Deyton, NCDOT Maintenance Engineer for Madison and Yancey Counties appeared before the Board to answer questions regarding the placement of salt brine on roads during inclement weather. Mr. Deyton explained that salt brine is 23.3% salt water mixture that is used as a pretreatment of roadways and that the treatment was used three times during the last winter. The treatment is used on primary roads only.

V.

Tammy Cody, Interim Health Director, appeared before the Board to request approval of the Contract for School Nursing Services between the Madison County Health Department and the Madison County Public Schools for a period beginning August 1, 2015 and ending May 31, 2016.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the request as presented.

VI.

Upon motion from Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to table action on an amendment to the Securis Technologies agreement for the Sheriff's Department until such time that the Attorney had reviewed the amendment.

VII.

Upon recommendation from Melanie Morgan, Library Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve Shawna Bryce for the Circulation and Technology Support Assistant position. This is a permanent part-time position.

VIII.

Upon recommendation from Ryan Cody, Director of Inspections and Zoning, and upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the new Economic Development By-Laws with the recommendations of Attorney Laws.

Upon motion from Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to table to the October meeting the naming of members to this Board.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to name Danna Stansbury as a member of the Planning Board.

IX.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to table action on the Electronics Recycle Plan presented by Jim Huff, Landfill Director.

X.

Forrest Gilliam, County Manager, discussed a number of properties owned by the County and the disposition of the property. Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Manager to list the lot at The Cottages at Creekside with a realtor for \$50,000.00.

Mr. Gilliam discussed the Barnard Park boat ramps. Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Mr. Gilliam to proceed with AMEC Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. to oversee the bidding and construction process at Barnard Park.

Mr. Gilliam provided a legislative update to the Board regarding the moving of the May primary to March and the savings that the County would realize with this move. Mr. Gilliam informed the Board that any of the sales tax proposals would be good for Madison County.

Upon motion from Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to move Item 10. d. (Personnel) to closed session.

Mr. Gilliam informed the Board that a special session would be called later in the month to have more information available regarding the courthouse renovations.

XI.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #02.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the August, 2015 Property Tax Releases and Refunds.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Social Services Board. Commissioner Rice nominated Commissioner Norris Gentry. There were no other nominations. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations. Commissioner Norris Gentry was appointed to the Social Services Board unanimously.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Health. Commissioner Gentry nominated Commissioner Clayton Rice. There were no other nominations. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations. Commissioner Clayton Rice was appointed to the Board of Health unanimously.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Nursing Adult Care Home Board. Commissioner Rice nominated Barbara Rice. There were no other nominations. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations. Barbara Rice was appointed to the Nursing Adult Care Home Board unanimously.

XII.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session to discuss personnel and matters of attorney client privilege.

XIII.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session.

XIV.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to employ Michael Chris Maney as the Parks and Recreation Director.

Upon motion from Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to employ Gordon Randolph as the Interim Emergency Management Coordinator at the same pay scale as the previous Coordinator.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 8th day of September, 2015.

MADISON COUNTY

By: 
Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Minutes

COUNTY OF MADISON

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Madison County Finance Office, Marshall, NC.

In attendance were Chairman Wayne Brigman, Vice Chairman Clayton Rice, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Norris Gentry, Commissioner Matthew Wechtel, County Manager Forrest Gilliam, and Attorney Donny Laws.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brigman.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to add the item of Delinquent Tax Collections to the agenda.

Tax Collector Lori Ray and Attorney Donny Laws provided information to the Board regarding the collection of delinquent taxes. The Board expressed their support of the Tax Collector's continued collection of taxes. The Tax Collector will create a list of accounts owing \$3,000 and above and continue the process of sending files to the County Attorney to begin the foreclosure process. Taxpayers will be eligible to participate in a payment plan in which they immediately pay at least twenty-five percent of the balance owed and can pay the remainder of their debt in monthly installments within a year.

Forrest Gilliam provided information to the Board regarding the renovation of the courthouse. The immediate priority is the completion of structural work in the basement of the building and the completion of the three offices that were gutted last fall. There is remaining exterior work on the roof that also needs to be completed. The estimated cost for this work is \$29,000, and the work must be completed in accordance with the public bidding statute.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to proceed immediately with the structural work, completion of the three gutted offices on the first floor of the courthouse, and completion of work on the roof of the building.

There was discussion about how to pay for the continued renovation of the courthouse after the immediate work is completed. Options discussed included financing the project or applying part or all of the proceeds from the sale of surplus property to the project.

The Board discussed various properties owned by the County that may no longer be needed and could potentially be sold. The County Attorney and County Manager explained options provided in statute for the disposition of real property.

There was discussion about expired leases for the Burger Parlor and Rick's NAPA Auto Parts in the County Administration Building.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Attorney to send a letter to NAPA Auto Parts regarding delinquent rent and the need to pay the amount owed within 12 months.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Attorney to offer a three year lease to NAPA Auto Parts at a monthly rate of \$1,000 and to offer a three year lease to the Burger Parlor for \$1,150 per month. The space occupied by NAPA is 4,500 square feet and the space occupied by the Burger Parlor is 5,000 square feet.

There was discussion about the need to place a seal or logo on all county vehicles. The County Manager will proceed with getting the vehicles marked.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and matters of attorney-client privilege.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Lori Ray as Tax Collector for a two year term through September 30, 2017.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:45PM.

This the 22nd day of September, 2015.

MADISON COUNTY

By: 
Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:


Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk