

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 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 Bill Briggs, Commissioner Norris Gentry, Commissioner Matthew Wechtel, County Manager Forrest Gilliam, Attorney Donny Laws, and Clerk Darlyne Rhinehart.

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

I.

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

- 4. b. – Add Beacon of Hope
- 6. b. – Personnel/Transportation Drivers moved to closed session
- 6. c. - Veteran's Service Officer moved to closed session
- 7. - Tammy Cody, Deputy Health Director – personnel moved to closed session
- 9. c. - Emergency Management Personnel moved to closed session

II.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the October 13, 2015 meeting.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 02, 2015 meeting.

III.

Teresa Ogle, 911 Director, appeared before the Board to provide a departmental update.

IV.

Pete Orthmann appeared before the Board to request that the Madison County Commissioners vote to permanently add a public comment section to each meeting. The intent of Mr. Orthmann's request is to allow public comment relating specifically and exclusively to matters on the agenda that are particular to that meeting. Mr. Orthmann requested that the public comment section follow the acceptance of the agenda.

No action was taken by the Board.

V.

Barbara Stone and Allen Bradley appeared before the Board to provide an informative overview of services provided by the Beacon of Hope.

VI.

Upon request from Dr. Ron Wilcox, Superintendent of Schools, and upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to appropriate \$55,258.00 in 40/42 funds to the Madison County Board of Education to use for technology and computers for the CTE Department at Madison High School.

VII.

The Board conducted a Public Hearing on the proposed Madison County Community Transportation Program Application to be submitted to the NC Department of Transportation.

Chairman Brigman called for questions or comments from the Board and the public in attendance. Receiving none, Chairman Brigman closed the public hearing.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY17 Community Transportation Application package as presented.

VIII.

Upon request from Chris Watson, Clients and Grants Coordinator for the Community Housing Coalition, and upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to support the Coalition's application for \$100,000 from the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium to assist the low-income homeowners of Madison County. An award of \$100,000 in HOME funds would cost the Coalition \$20,000 in administrative fees. The Coalition requested that Madison County provide a \$5,000 match from the 2016/2017 budget.

IX.

Based upon information received from Forrest Gilliam, County Manager, and upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to accept an offer for the purchase of a 2.06 acre lot in the Cottages at Creekside at Little Pine Preserve with the required contingencies.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the attached Ordinance outlining the procedures for disposing of personal property.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the publication of Notice of Intent to Authorize Lease with Clifton Metcalf and Plaza Burger Parlor.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the publication of Notice of Intent to Authorize Lease with Rick Bailey (NAPA Auto).

The Board received updates from Mr. Gilliam regarding the Fair Labor Standards Act changes scheduled to take effect after the first of the year.

Mr. Gilliam reported that Madison Manufacturing had been purchased by a private investor and that 26 jobs would be added over a period of three years.

Mr. Gilliam also updated the Board on the Courthouse renovation project.

X.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #04.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to approve the October 2015 Property Tax Releases/Refunds.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Nursing Adult Care Home Board. Commissioner Wechtel nominated Allen Bradley. There were no other nominations. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations. Allen Bradley was unanimously appointed to serve on the Nursing Adult Care Home Board for a 1 year term.

XI.

Rick Molland presented public comment on the need for people to be on boards and commissions. He thanked the Board for resolving issues related to the Landfill and for the endorsement of the Community Housing Coalition's grant request.

XII.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session to discuss personnel and real estate matters.

XIII.

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 employ Matthew McClellan as the Veterans Service Officer.

Upon recommendation from Regina Sams, Community Services Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to employ David Riddle as a 20 hour per week driver with the Transportation Authority.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to employ Michelle Johnson as a 40 hour per week driver with the Transportation Authority replacing Lawrence Allen who recently retired.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to move Dennis McMahan from Nutrition Driver to Transportation Driver, a 32 hour position with full benefits, replacing David Allen who recently retired.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to approve William Scott Greer as the Emergency Management Director.

Upon recommendation from Tammy Cody, Deputy Health Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to move Jennifer Angel, RD, LD, CLC from the position of part time 20 hours per week to a full time employee. The additional hours and benefits will be paid from the rural health grant. This grant runs through June 30, 2016.

XIV.

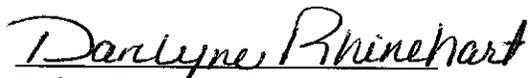
Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:55 p.m.

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

MADISON COUNTY

BY:   
Wayne Brigman, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk