

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom, Madison County Courthouse, Marshall, NC.

In attendance was Chairman Wayne Brigman, Vice –Chair Sue Vilcinskaskas, Commissioner Jim Baker, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Hall Moore, County Manager Allen Lamberson, County Attorney Donny Laws and Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk to the Board.

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

I.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinskaskas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

II.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinskaskas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes from the February 11, 2014 and the March 7, 2014 meetings.

III.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to move Item 3.a. from the consent agenda to regular agenda.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinskaskas, the Board voted unanimously to move Item 3.e. from the consent agenda to regular agenda.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinskaskas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda with the noted changes.

IV.

Having been properly noticed the Madison County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing to consider the refinancing of one or more prior loans, the proceeds of which were used to construct the Madison County Jail and the Madison County Cooperative Extension Service.

Attorney Donny Laws summarized the purposes and the requirements by law for both public hearings to be held.

There was no public comment.

Chairman Brigman closed the first public hearing.

Having been properly noticed the Madison County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing to consider the financing of the acquisition and construction of a new auditorium at Madison High School.

Speaking in favor of the new auditorium were Dr. Ron Wilcox, Mike Watson, Rhonda Cuthbertson, Steve Bowlin, Burgin Mackey, Anna Zimmerman, Andrew Pless, Shasta Wilde, Pamela Bankson, Laura Boosinger, Nicole Willis and Frances Ramsey.

Speaking in opposition of the new auditorium were Ricky Ingram, Mary Filiss, Gene Cantrell, and Sam Hutchens.

Chairman Brigman closed the public hearing.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to vote on each public hearing item separately.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to approve the RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF TWO EXISTING INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST.

Motion from Commissioner Briggs to postpone the vote on the new auditorium project failed for lack of a second.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the Board voted 3 to 2 not to approve a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF AN INSTALLMENT FINANCING CONTRACT, A DEED OF TRUST, A LEASE AGREEMENT AND RELATED DOCUMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH A QSCB INSTALLMENT FINANCING FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS, AND AUTHORIZING THE MODIFICATION OF TWO EXISTING INSTALLMENT FINANCING AGREEMENTS WITH BRANCH BANKING AND TRUST COMPANY.

Voting in the affirmative were Commissioner Briggs and Commissioner Vilcinkas. Voting in the negative were Commissioner Brigman, Commissioner Moore and Commissioner Baker.

V.

Karen Kiehna appeared before the Board to conduct a public hearing on a Madison County 2011 CDBG Scattered Site Project Amendment. The amendment provides for two additional housing rehabilitation activities and eight housing units to the emergency repair activities.

There were no questions from the public in attendance.

Upon motion of Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to approve this amendment.

VI.

Robert Phillips appeared before the Board to request a new lease be entered into with the Upper Laurel Community. Mr. Phillips requested that the Board take necessary steps to have all items that had been removed from the Community Center be returned.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to take the necessary steps to enter into a lease with the Upper Laurel Community.

VII.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Ed McNally of Marshall to the Library Board of Trustees replacing Jane Goforth whose term expires April, 2014.

VIII.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the attached Resolution, "All People Matter".

IX.

Upon motion of Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Brigman, the Board voted unanimously to approve a revision to the Madison County Transportation Authority Drug and Alcohol testing policy.

X.

Upon recommendation of Jan Shepard, Health Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted 4 to 1 to enter into a contract with Premier Purchasing. The contract enables the Health Department to purchase products at reduced pricing. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioner Vilcinkas, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Brigman, and Commissioner Baker. Voting in the negative was Commissioner Briggs.

Upon recommendation of Jan Shepard, and upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to approve employ Laura Hayes for the position of permanent full-time Communicable Disease Nurse.

Upon recommendation of Jan Shepard, and upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board 4 to 1 to appoint Melanie Kraft to the Board of Health replacing Carol Dixon. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioner Vilcinkas, Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Brigman. Voting in negative was Commissioner Briggs.

XI.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Manager to sign on behalf of the Board an agreement for the

use of space at the Upper Laurel Community Center by the Board of Elections as a polling place once the agreement has been approved by the County Attorney.

Allen Lamberson, County Manager, updated the Board on tax collection efforts.

The Board received a bill from Wolf Laurel for past due road maintenance in the amount of \$2,310.15. This bill is connected to certain piece of property deeded to the County for taxes.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to approve sending a letter to the Town of Marshall after corrections are made to the letter regarding the possibility of removing the bleachers from the Island Gym.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to send a similar letter to Mr. Rob Pulleyn advising him of the proposed changes to the gym.

Upon motion of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to employ Linda Johnson with grant funding secured by the Soil Conservation Service. Ms. Johnson's employment will be for the life of the grant.

Upon motion of Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to direct the County Manager to send out budget packets with the directive that the budget request be at the same level as last years.

XII.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #09.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February, 2014 Property Tax Releases, Refunds, and Vehicle Tax Releases.

The Board received the Smoky Mountain Center quarterly report for the quarter ending December 31, 2013.

XIII.

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

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

XIV.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted 3 to 2 to employ Vivian Lunsford as full time administrative assistant in Environmental Health.

Voting in the affirmative were Commissioner Vilcinkas, Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Brigman. Voting in the negative were Commissioner Briggs and Commissioner Baker.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted 4 to 1 to enter into a month to month lease in the amount of \$300.00 for office rental space for the judge. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioner Moore, Commissioner Vilcinkas, Commissioner Brigman and Commissioner Briggs. Voting in the negative was Commissioner Baker.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the Board voted 4 to 1 to reconsider the above vote. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioner Vilcinkas, Commissioner Briggs, Commissioner Baker, and Commissioner Brigman. Voting in the negative was Commissioner Moore.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted 3 to 2 to enter into a month to month lease in the amount of \$300.00 for office rental space for the judge. Voting in the affirmative were Commissioner Vilcinkas, Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Brigman. Voting in the negative were Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Briggs.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to change the hours of the Community Services Social Worker position from 30 hours per week to 40 hours per week.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to approve a resolution regarding the expansion of the ball fields at the Beech Glen Community Center and the option to purchase adjoining property from Jane M. Barrow.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 11th day of March, 2014.

MADISON COUNTY

By: Wayne Brigman
Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Darlyne Rhinehart
Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session with the Madison County Board of Education on Wednesday, April 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office, Madison County Board of Education, Marshall, NC.

In attendance was Commissioner Sue Vilcinskas, Commissioner Jim Baker, Commissioner Bill Briggs, County Manager Allen Lamberson, Clerk Darlyne Rhinehart, Sandra Tolley, School Board Chair, School Board Members Lori Massey, Dr. Craig Goforth, Kelby Cody and Dewayne Hilemon, Dr. Ron Wilcox, Superintendent and Michael Wallin, School Finance Officer.

The meeting was called to order by Sandra Tolley, Chair.

Items of discussion were strategic planning, low wealth funding for the schools, the FY 2014-2015 budget request, building program and options for the early college.

No actions were taken.

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