

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Friday, April 12, 2024, at 8:15 a.m. at the Madison County Board of Education Central Office, 5738 US Hwy 25/70, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Jeremy Hensley, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford acting as Clerk. Chairman Matt Wechtel, Vice-Chairman Michael Garrison, and Commissioner Alan Wyatt joined the meeting at 8:35 a.m. Clerk Mandy Bradley was not in attendance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Briggs and second by Commissioner Hensley, the meeting was called to order at 8:35 a.m.

Item 1: Madison County Schools Tours Jointly with Madison County Schools

• **Mars Hill Elementary School**

The school system and PTO provided an introduction of the school and welcomed the Board. Members of the Board toured the school and information regarding the facility and grounds was provided. A tour of the facility including the school nurse's office, guidance counselors' office, food pantry, cafeteria, classrooms, and sports field was provided.

At 9:45 a.m. upon motion by Commissioner Wyatt and second by Commissioner Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting until April 12, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Madison Middle School located at 95 Upper Brush Creek Road, Marshall, NC.

• **Madison Middle School**

The meeting reconvened on April 12, 2024, at Madison Middle School located at 95 Upper Brush Creek Road, Marshall, NC. In attendance were Chairman Matt Wechtel, Vice-Chairman Michael Garrison, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Jeremy Hensley, Commissioner Alan Wyatt, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford acting as Clerk. Clerk Mandy Bradley was not in attendance.

Upon motion by Commissioner Briggs and second by Vice-Chairman Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 10:08 a.m.

School administrators welcomed the Board and an overview including the school's enrollment and curriculum was provided along with a tour of the facility. Areas toured included classrooms, the student services department, and intervention classroom. The Board also viewed a band concert and a dance performance.

At 11:05 a.m., upon motion by Commissioner Hensley and second by Vice-Chairman Garrison, the Board voted unanimously to recess the meeting until April 12, 2024, at 11:25 a.m. at Madison Early College and CTE located at 5734 US Hwy 25/70, Marshall, NC.

• **Madison Early College and CTE House**

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Upon motion by Commissioner Hensley and second by Commissioner Briggs, the board voted unanimously to return to open session at 10:08 a.m.

An overview of the Career and Technical Education Program (CTE) was provided by the CTE department and students. Information discussed included programming, initiatives including the CTE house, and grant funding received.

Madison Early College staff welcomed the Board to the Early College campus and information including enrollment, graduation rate, and classes for English and science was provided to the Board along with a tour of the facility.

Item 2: Discussion Jointly with Madison County Schools

Joint discussion was had by the Board and Madison County Schools regarding the following items:

- O.E. Roberts Stadium
- School Budget

- School Maintenance and Renovation Initiative
- School Capital Needs Study

Information discussed included budgetary requests on behalf of the school system, funds deficit, employee retirement rates, salaries, funding for staff positions, and charter school funds. Initiatives including capital project ideas, projects to be completed, capital needs study, and infrastructure plans were also discussed with the Board.

County Manager Rod Honeycutt exited the meeting at 1:35 p.m.

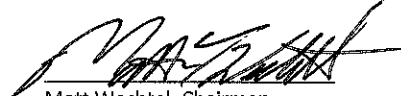
Additional discussion regarding grants being sought to assist with completion of projects and the utilization of capital funds along with plans for the stadium at the high school, security systems, and youth sports initiatives was had with members of the Board.

Item 3: Adjournment

Upon motion by Commissioner Hensley and second by Commissioner Briggs, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 2:35 p.m.

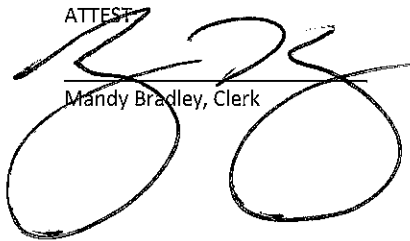
This the 12th day of April 2024.

MADISON COUNTY



Matt Wechtel, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST



Mandy Bradley, Clerk