

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Friday, April 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Admin Conference Room located to 140 Elizabeth Lane, Marshall, North Carolina.

In attendance were Chairman Matt Wechtel, Vice-Chairman Michael Garrison, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Jeremy Hensley, Commissioner Alan Wyatt, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Clerk Mandy Bradley.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman Wechtel.

**Item 1: FY 2024-2025 Budget Discussion**

County Manager Rod Honeycutt discussed the proposed FY2024-2025 budget noting the departments that would be available for budget presentations for consideration of the Board. Information discussed included staffing, salaries, and departmental budgets.

Discussion was had by the Board, Manager Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Brittany Hamlin, Child Support Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of Child Support as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Child Support proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Hamlin, and County Manager Rod Honeycutt.

Jess Hocz, Soil and Water Conservation Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of Soil and Water as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Soil and Water proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Hocz, and County Manager Rod Honeycutt.

Jaime Lunsford Information Technology Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of Information Technology as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Information Technology proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Lunsford, and County Manager Rod Honeycutt.

Chris Maney, Parks and Recreation Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of Parks and Recreation as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Parks and Recreation proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Maney, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Dyatt Smathers, Board of Elections Chairman joined the meeting to discuss the Board of Elections proposed budget. Jacob Ray, Board of Elections Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Board of Elections as well as answer questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Board of Elections proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Ray, Mr. Smathers, and County Manager Rod Honeycutt.

Mary Jane Wallin, Register of Deeds presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Register of Deeds as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Register of Deeds proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Wallin, and County Manager Rod Honeycutt.

Elizabeth Ayers, North Carolina Cooperative Extension Madison County Center Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Cooperative Extension as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Cooperative Extension proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Ayers, and County Manager Rod Honeycutt.

Kary Ledford, Finance Officer presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Finance Office as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Finance Office proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Ledford, and County Manager Rod Honeycutt.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to recess at 11:24 a.m.

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session at 1:30 p.m.

County Manager Honeycutt discussed the current salary and classification schedule and information regarding employee compensation.

Diana Norton, Tax Administrator presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Tax Office as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Tax Office proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Norton, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Kim Bellofatto, Library Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Library as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Library proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Bellofatto, and County Manager Rod Honeycutt.

Brad Guth, Development Services Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of Development Services as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Development Services proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Guth, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Chelsie Lewis, 9-1-1 Emergency Management Interim Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of the 9-1-1 Emergency Management Department as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the 9-1-1 Emergency Management proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Lewis, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Jesse Roberts, Maintenance Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Maintenance Department as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Maintenance Department proposed budget was had by the Board, Mr. Roberts, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Tammy Cody, Health Director presented and discussed proposed budgetary information and requests with the Board on behalf of the Health Department as well as answered questions from Board members. Discussion regarding the Health Department proposed budget was had by the Board, Ms. Cody, County Manager Rod Honeycutt, and Finance Officer Kary Ledford.

Manager Honeycutt discussed the number of remaining departmental budgets that would be presented for consideration of the Board in the future and discussed upcoming budget meetings of the Board.

Finance Officer Kary Ledford discussed potential changes regarding the Fair Labor Standards Act minimum wage requirements, noting that if adopted, the Federal wage standards for exempt employees would increase.

Discussion was had by the Board.

**Item 2: Personnel**

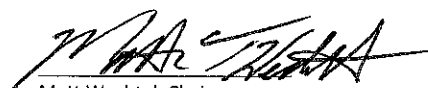
Item not discussed.

**Item 3: Adjournment**

Upon motion by Vice-Chairman Garrison and second by Commissioner Hensley, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 4:26 p.m.

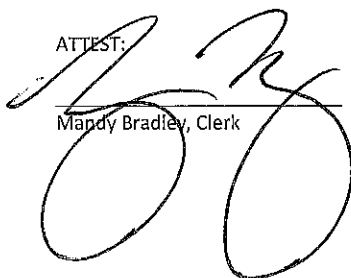
This the 5th day of April 2024.

MADISON COUNTY



Matt Wechtel, Chairman  
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Mandy Bradley, Clerk