

State of North Carolina

Minutes

County of Madison

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom, Madison County Courthouse, Marshall, North Carolina.

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

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

A moment of silence was observed in memory of Bailey Mundy a 27 year employee of the County who passed away in February.

I.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: remove #6 – Regina Sams – In Home Aide Position, add #6 – Dr. Ron Wilcox – 40-42 Funding Request, add 11-G – Forrest Gilliam – In Home Aide Position, and change the name on #10 from Jeff Willis to Nathan Slaughter.

II.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2015 meeting.

III.

A public hearing was held to allow citizens the opportunity to express views regarding the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Scattered Site Housing Rehabilitation accomplishments. Karen Kiehna presented and overview of the project. There were no questions from the 32 members of the public in attendance nor from the Board.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice the Board voted unanimously to approve the necessary documents required for the closing of this grant.

IV.

Suzanne Metcalf with Smart Start appeared before the Board to speak on The First 2000 Days: The Importance of Early Childhood Development.

V.

Upon recommendation from Connie Harris, Social Services Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry the Board voted unanimously to approve a resolution proclaiming the month of March, 2015 as Social Worker Appreciation Month in Madison County.

VI.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$143,800.00 in 40/42 funds to cover the necessary architect and engineer costs related to the school system's proposal excluding the Early College.

VII.

Upon recommendation from Melanie Morgan, Librarian, and upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve moving the Children's Programming Coordinator position from 38 hours to 58 hours per pay period in April utilizing existing funds.

VIII.

Upon recommendation from John Graeter, Interim Health Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve the employment of Michelle Gillespie as a Dental Assistant.

IX.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Request for Proposals for Hauling of MSW for the Madison County Solid Waste as presented by Jim Huff, Landfill Director.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the lease between the County and Linda Gentry Fowler in the amount of \$3,500.00 annually for land in Hot Springs used as a collection center by the County.

X.

Nathan Slaughter with Atkins North America appeared before the Board requesting permission to amend the existing contract (Hazard Mitigation) to allow them to perform additional work to utilize federal funding that had not been used.

Upon motion from Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to table action pending recommendations from the County Attorney.

The Board moved the Agreement with the Town of Mars Hill and the County for enforcement of the National Flood Plain Management Program be tabled to the April meeting.

XI.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Housing Authority Board. Commissioner Rice nominated Ricky Ingram. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted 4 to 1 to approve Mr. Ingram. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Brigman, Commissioner Rice, Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Gentry. Voting in the negative was Commissioner Briggs.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium Board of Directors. Commissioner Gentry nominated Ryan Cody. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Mr. Cody.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations of an alternate to the Asheville Regional Housing Consortium Board of Directors. Commissioner Gentry nominated Forrest Gilliam. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Gilliam.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Norris Gentry, Bill Briggs, and Forrest Gilliam to serve on the joint committee with the Board of Education to study options for location of the proposed Early College building.

Upon recommendation from Forrest Gilliam, County Manager, and upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve grant application for the Crossroads Parkway Connection through the Appalachian

Regional Commission. The grant requires a local government applicant. There is no required match for the grant and the deadline for application is April 16, 2015.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to allow Mr. Gilliam to apply for funding through the USDA Rural Business Opportunity Grant (RBOG). The grant will pay for a comprehensive business analysis of workforce, educational capacity, and infrastructure that will be used to attract software development companies to the area. The total cost of the study would be \$23,300.00. The County would provide a \$5,000.00 match.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board approved live streaming to the Commissioner meetings until the end of the calendar year and to then look at a Resolution authorizing live continued streaming of the meetings.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted 3 to 2 to allocate \$8,950.00 for an architectural assessment of the Courthouse. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Brigman, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Gentry. Voting in the negative were Commissioner Baker and Commissioner Briggs.

Mr. Gilliam updated the Board on the Veteran's Committee meeting.

Mr. Gilliam presented the recommendation from Regina Sams, Community Services Director, to employ Tamara Huffman as an In Home Aide. Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.

XII.

The Board received the February Financial Statement.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment#08.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to approve the February Property/Vehicle Tax Releases/Refunds.

XIII.

Ernie Hawkins addressed the Board with concerns regarding the noise coming from the shooting range.

XIV.

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

XV.

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

Upon motion from Commissioner Briggs, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:10 p.m.

This the 10th day of March, 2015.

MADISON COUNTY

BY: Wayne Brigman
Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Darlyne Rhinehart
Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk