

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, Madison County Finance Office, 107 Elizabeth Lane, Marshall, NC.

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

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

I.

The Board acknowledged receipt of a letter of resignation from Commissioner Jim Baker. Mr. Baker's resignation also leaves a vacancy on the Board of Health and the Social Services Board.

II.

Ryan Cody, Building Inspector, appeared before the Board with his recommendation of Daniel Allen to fill the position of Code Enforcement Officer.

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

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

Upon motion from Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted 3 to 1 to approve Mr. Cody's recommendation of Daniel Allen as Code Enforcement Officer. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Brigman, Commissioner Briggs, and Commissioner Gentry. Voting in the negative was Commissioner Rice.

III.

Ryan Cody presented to the Board draft Economic Development Board of Madison County By-Laws as well as a presentation of general economic development trends and strategies in Madison County and the region.

IV.

Forrest Gilliam shared information regarding the Golden Leaf Grant cycle that closes on October 1. Each County can submit three projects for a total of 1.5 million dollars.

V.

Jim Huff, Landfill Director, appeared before the Board to discuss changes at the state level regarding electronics recycling impacting the cost incurred by Madison County to dispose of them. Madison County is no longer accepting electronics at the collection centers and is only accepting them at the Landfill.

VI.

County Manager, Forrest Gilliam, discussed options with the Board pertaining to the appraisal and disposal of surplus properties owned by the County.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Chairman Brigman to sign a letter offering the Mars Hill Rock Building to the Madison County Board of Education.

Engineering services for the Courthouse renovations was discussed.

Discussion was held on the location of County departments.

The Board discussed leases/rents at the By-Pass Administration Building.

VII.

Discussion was held on the filming of the Commissioners meetings.

Mr. Gilliam shared information regarding Government Access Channeling with the Board.

The Board discussed options for receiving the monthly agenda items electronically/going "paperless" with meetings. Currently the Board receives the information in paper format compiled in a notebook.

VIII.

The Board discussed the cost associated with the operation of the In Home Aides Program and how it could be operated more efficiently.

IX.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 18th day of August, 2015.

MADISON COUNTY

By: Wayne Brigman
Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Darlyne Rhinehart
Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk