

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Minutes

COUNTY OF MADISON

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, September 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room of the Madison County Finance Office, Marshall, NC.

In attendance were Chairman Wayne Brigman, Vice Chairman Clayton Rice, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Norris Gentry, Commissioner Matthew Wechtel, County Manager Forrest Gilliam, and Attorney Donny Laws.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brigman.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to add the item of Delinquent Tax Collections to the agenda.

Tax Collector Lori Ray and Attorney Donny Laws provided information to the Board regarding the collection of delinquent taxes. The Board expressed their support of the Tax Collector's continued collection of taxes. The Tax Collector will create a list of accounts owing \$3,000 and above and continue the process of sending files to the County Attorney to begin the foreclosure process. Taxpayers will be eligible to participate in a payment plan in which they immediately pay at least twenty-five percent of the balance owed and can pay the remainder of their debt in monthly installments within a year.

Forrest Gilliam provided information to the Board regarding the renovation of the courthouse. The immediate priority is the completion of structural work in the basement of the building and the completion of the three offices that were gutted last fall. There is remaining exterior work on the roof that also needs to be completed. The estimated cost for this work is \$29,000, and the work must be completed in accordance with the public bidding statute.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to proceed immediately with the structural work, completion of the three gutted offices on the first floor of the courthouse, and completion of work on the roof of the building.

There was discussion about how to pay for the continued renovation of the courthouse after the immediate work is completed. Options discussed included financing the project or applying part or all of the proceeds from the sale of surplus property to the project.

The Board discussed various properties owned by the County that may no longer be needed and could potentially be sold. The County Attorney and County Manager explained options provided in statute for the disposition of real property.

There was discussion about expired leases for the Burger Parlor and Rick's NAPA Auto Parts in the County Administration Building.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Attorney to send a letter to NAPA Auto Parts regarding delinquent rent and the need to pay the amount owed within 12 months.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to authorize the County Attorney to offer a three year lease to NAPA Auto Parts at a monthly rate of \$1,000 and to offer a three year lease to the Burger Parlor for \$1,150 per month. The space occupied by NAPA is 4,500 square feet and the space occupied by the Burger Parlor is 5,000 square feet.

There was discussion about the need to place a seal or logo on all county vehicles. The County Manager will proceed with getting the vehicles marked.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for the purpose of discussing personnel and matters of attorney-client privilege.

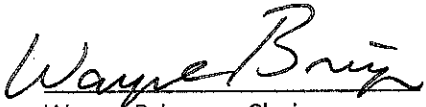
Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the Board voted unanimously to return to open session.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Lori Ray as Tax Collector for a two year term through September 30, 2017.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn at 9:45PM.

This the 22nd day of September, 2015.

MADISON COUNTY

By: 
Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:


Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk