

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 09, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courtroom, Madison County Courthouse, Marshall, NC.

In attendance were Chairman Wayne Brigman, Vice-Chair Sue Vilcinskaskas, Commissioner Jim Baker, Commissioner Hall Moore, County Manager Allen Lamberson, Attorney Donny Laws, and Clerk Darlyne Rhinehart. Commissioner Briggs was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Brigman.

The Board observed a moment in silence honoring the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Baker.

I.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinskaskas, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following additions/deletions:

- 7b. Redmon Dam Pigeon River Foundation
- 7c. Baltimore Branch Clean-up
- 8b. Library Director Search
- 10d. Personnel
- 11i. Remove Redmon Dam Pigeon River Foundation
Add FEMA
- 11j: Remove Signage for By-Pass

II.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinskaskas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2014 meeting.

III.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinskaskas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the FY 2015 Resolution approving the Madison County Transportation Authority to apply for Community Transportation Program funding and entering into an agreement with the NC Department of Transportation and to provide the necessary assurances and the required local match.

IV.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinskaskas, the Board voted unanimously to change the name of the road leading to the new Finance Office from Healthcare

Lane to Elizabeth Lane honoring former long time Health Department employees, Elizabeth Baker and Elizabeth DuVall.

V.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Proclamation honoring the Madison County Babe Ruth 16U Softball Team on winning the 2014 Babe Ruth World Series.

VI.

A request from Dr. Ron Wilcox, Superintendent of Schools, requesting funding in the amount of \$53,000 for elementary school resource officers was tabled to the October meeting.

VII.

Tim Malone appeared before the Board to present a Resolution Opposing Hydraulic Fracturing. Action on the resolution was tabled to the October meeting to provide ample time for review by legal counsel.

VIII.

Jessica Hocz, Executive Director of Mountain Valleys RC&D appeared before the Board to request a letter of support from the County to the Pigeon River Foundation in their quest to secure grant funding in the amount of \$18,500.00. The grant funding would be used to develop a plan and prioritize critical work for improving recreational river access in Madison County.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinskas, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the letter of support.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to approve application to the Pigeon River Fund for funding in the amount of \$25,000.00 for Redmon Dam.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinskas, the Board voted unanimously to sign a letter of support for the Baltimore Branch Project.

IX.

Jean Krause, Interim Library Director, appeared before the Board to request that the Board of Commissioners consider including language regarding the public library in its formulation of legislative goals to be presented to the NCACC this fall asking the state to, "restore funding to the State Aid to Public Libraries Fund to the pre-2011 level of \$15.7 million; and eliminate special provisions that distribute State Aid outside of the equitable formula developed by the State Library Commission."

Cuts to the Madison County Libraries would amount to \$10,900.

The personnel item relating to the Library was moved to closed session.

X.

Attorney Donny Laws spoke to the Board regarding Health Department contracts. Attorney Laws explained that the Commissioners have oversight of the Board of Health, but that the Board of Health has the ability to enter into contracts itself. It is up to the Board of Commissioners to decide at what level they want to manage the money.

After discussion, the Board agreed that they preferred to leave the process as is with the Board of Commissioners being the approving authority.

XI.

Upon request from Jan Shepard, Health Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2014-2015 fee schedules for the Health Department.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the contract between Madison County Partnership for Children and Families, Inc. and the Madison County Board of Health for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Professional Anatomic Pathology Agreement between Pathologists' Medical Laboratory, PA and Madison County Health Department to provide various histology/cytology services for the Health Department and Health Department patients.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to approve an Agreement between Mission Hospital (Hope, A Women's Cancer Center) and Madison County to provide mammograms for Health Department patients.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to approve Mrs. Shepard's request to advertise for a Public Health Preparedness position.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to approve Jamie Lang as Master of Public Health Program Coordinator for the Innovative Approaches Grant.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to approve Jennifer Vesper as a permanent part time Nutritionist II.

XII.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to decline the offer received to purchase from the County property known as the Holcombe property.

After further discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Baker to table this item to the October meeting.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to reject the offer received to purchase from the County property in Hot Springs.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Rita Murray, June Reeder, Tommy Justice, Allen Lamberson, Regina Sams, and Melissa Fowler to the Madison County Transportation Authority Board for a period of two years. Appointed for a one year term were Norris Gentry, Eddie Fox, Jeanne Hoffman, Ellen Banks, and Bill Briggs.

Upon recommendation from Commissioner Baker, and upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Baker, the Board voted unanimously to name Dyatt Smathers to the County Child Protection Team (CCPT).

No action was taken on the request from M& H Vending to be the sole provider of vending for Madison County Government.

Discussion was held on the propane contract. Mr. Lamberson informed the Board that the actual contract received was different from what he had expected and that he is working with the Attorney to correct it.

Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board voted unanimously to allocate \$9,730.00 to repair deterioration of the courthouse chimney.

Mr. Lamberson updated the Board on the Accident Prevention Plan.

Mr. Lamberson also updated the Board on FEMA projects.

A request from Mr. Lamberson to approve a master services agreement with AMEC Engineering was tabled to the October meeting.

The Board discussed the signage at the Administrative Offices and the possible use of Triple P funds to pay the cost of the sign. Estimated cost of the sign is \$10,000.00. The Board agreed that a sign was needed but did not want to use Triple P grant funds for the purchase.

XIII.

Upon motion from Commissioner Baker, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #02.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to approve the Property Releases, Vehicle Releases and Refunds for August.

XIV.

The Board heard from Mr. Pete Orthmann during public comment. Mr. Orthmann requested that the Board review their decision to move the County Manager to an obscure office location. Mr. Orthmann also stated that the lowest paid employees in Madison County were Library employees who were making \$7.25 per hour. Mr. Orthmann also offered his services to coordinate veteran's benefits should the position come available.

XV.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to enter into closed session to discuss personnel, legal, and real estate matters.

XVI.

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

XVII.


Upon motion from Commissioner Vilcinkas, seconded by Commissioner Moore, the Board authorized the County Manager to extend employment to Melanie Morgan as the County Librarian.

XVIII.

Upon motion from Commissioner Moore, seconded by Commissioner Vilcinkas, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 9th day of September, 2014.

MADISON COUNTY

By: 
Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk