

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at A-B Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, NC.

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

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

I

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented with Item VIII – Tammy Cody – Fees Schedule for Water Testing being held over to the March meeting.

II

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the January 14, January 19, and February 02, 2016 minutes with the correction to the January 14 minutes to include the second by Commissioner Gentry on Page 4.

III

The board heard from Debbie Davis regarding Fences for Friends and requested that the County adopt an ordinance banning the permanent chaining of dogs.

The board also heard from Callie Wellendorf regarding Expo Madison to be held at Mars Hill University on March 12th and ask that the Commissioners support this event in the form of a resolution.

IV

Sandy Stevenson, Director of the Madison County Visitor Center, appeared before the board to present an update of the Appalachian Barn Alliance and to present the Annual Report of the Madison County Visitor Center for 2015.

V

Connie Molland appeared before the board to request approval from the County to approve closure of Hwy 251 from the edge of Marshall to the Buncombe County line on Sunday, May 15th for the USA Cycling National Collegiate Championship event.

Motion was made by Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel the Board voted unanimously to approve Mrs. Molland's request for road closure.

VI

Willa Wyatt appeared before the board to give an update on the Rosenwald School Project.

VII

Kathy Ray, Director of the Board of Elections, and Dyatt Smathers, Board Member, appeared before the board to provide an update on the upcoming elections.

VIII

Attorney Laws presented an agreement by and between True Vista, LLC and Soil Water Conservation District for the leasing of property at 4388 US Highway 25-70, Suite 2, Marshall, NC. Attorney Laws cited clauses in the agreement that needed to be removed and the addition of the non-appropriation clause.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the funding for this agreement in the amount of \$600.00 per month.

IX

County Manager Forrest Gilliam informed the board that instructions were sent on February 19 to all County departments regarding their budget requests for FY 2016-2017. Departments will submit their requests by March 19, at which point the county manager will review the requests and meet with department heads to refine their requests. Budget workshops with departments and the Board of Commissioners will be held in late April and May.

Mr. Gilliam informed the Board that the closing for financing of the \$6,445,000 capital improvement program for the Madison County Public Schools took place on February 15. Construction contracts have been signed for both Brush Creek and the Early College. Various smaller projects included in the plan will be completed in the summer months over the next few years. The entire program must be completed by February of 2019.

Mr. Gilliam informed the Board that renovation of the three gutted rooms of the courthouse began the previous week. Most work will be completed at night in order to minimize disruption of court.

Mr. Gilliam shared with the Board that the appraisals of three county owned properties that the Board authorized in January are under way. He should have information to report to the Board at its March meeting.

X

Chris Maney, Parks and Recreation Director, appeared before the board to present an update of department current and future events as well as an update of the facilities.

XI

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #07.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve the Tax Releases/Refunds for the month of January.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2016 audit of the financial statements with the firm of Gould Killian CPA Group, P.A.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the engagement of Sidney Mashburn to provide consulting and advisory services on various accounting and bookkeeping matters as needed.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Land of Sky Rural Planning Organization TAC. Commissioner Gentry nominated Matt Wechtel to serve as the commissioner alternate. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations. Matt Wechtel was appointed as the commissioner alternate by unanimous vote.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Health, physician position. Commissioner Wechtel nominated Dr. Karen LeHew. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations. Dr. Karen LeHew was appointed to serve on the Board of Health for a term of three years by unanimous vote.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Health, RN position. Commissioner Wechtel nominated Rachel Smith. Chairman Brigman nominated Toni Clark. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations.

Voting in the affirmative for the nomination of Rachel Smith were Commissioner Gentry, Commissioner Wechtel, Commissioner Rice and Commissioner Briggs. Voting in the negative was Chairman Brigman.

Voting in the affirmative for the nomination of Toni Clark was Chairman Brigman. Voting in the negative was Commissioner Gentry, Commissioner Briggs, Commissioner Rice and Commissioner Wechtel.

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Nursing Adult Care Home Advisory Board. Commissioner Gentry nominated Donna Parker. Chairman Brigman closed the nominations. Donna Parker was appointed to the Nursing Adult Care Home Advisory Board for a one year term by unanimous vote.

XII

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to enter into closed session to discuss personnel and attorney client privilege.

XIII

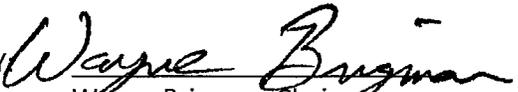
Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the board voted to return to open session.

XIV

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to adjourn at 10:15 p.m.

This the 22nd day of February, 2016

MADISON COUNTY

BY 
Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk