

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at A-B Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, NC.

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Gentry.

I.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes: Item 6. Melanie Morgan, Director of Public Libraries moved to closed session; Item 7. Teresa Ogle, Director of 911 Services moved to closed session. Items 10 B. and D. removed from the agenda.

II.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry the board voted 3 to 1 to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2016 meeting with the deletion of the last sentence from Item IV, paragraph 2. Voting in the affirmative were Vice-Chairman Gentry, Commissioner Rice, and Commissioner Briggs. Voting in the negative was Commissioner Wechtel.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the May 12, May 18, and June 20 meetings.

III.

No public comment was received.

IV.

Shelly Foreman, Senior Director of County Relations for the Smoky Mountain Center appeared before the board to present a review of the county service system.

V.

Ryan Cody, Director of Community Development, appeared before the board and recognized Connie Molland for her work with the USA Cycling Championship.

Mr. Cody summarized a report prepared by KeyOak on the assessment of domestic sourcing in Madison County.

Mr. Cody also reported that Madison County had been recognized by the Obama Administration as a TechHire Community.

VI.

Attorney Donny Laws updated the board on the ongoing tax collection efforts.

VII.

Forrest Gilliam, County Manager, provided updates on the end of year tax collection rates, courthouse renovations, Human Resources position, closing on the sale of the "old jail", and electronics recycling.

VIII.

Darlyne Rhinehart, Finance Officer, presented the June, 2016 financial report.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the tax releases and refunds for the month of June.

IX.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to enter into closed session for purposes of property acquisition and personnel.

X.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Briggs, the board voted unanimously to return to regular session.

XI.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to employ Suzanne DuVall for the LSTA grant funded Literacy Services Coordinator position with the Public Libraries.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to employ Ann Parks as a Substitute Circulation Assistant-Variied with the Public Libraries.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to employ Travis Kirkpatrick as Telecommunicator with 911 Services.

XI.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Gentry, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 12th day of July, 2016.

MADISON COUNTY

By: Wayne Brigman
Wayne Brigman, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Darlyne Rhinehart
Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk