

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at A-B Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, NC.

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

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

I.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the following changes:

- 1) Remove Item 9 – Ross Young – Personnel
- 2) Add 11-F – Personnel
- 3) Add 12-G – Spring Creek Fire Department

II.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the September 13, 2016 and September 29, 2016 meetings.

III.

No public comment was received.

IV.

Christopher Brown, Chris Watson and Annie Jaradat appeared before the board to present the October 2016 Community Impact Update of the Community Housing Coalition of Madison County. They reported that CHC of Madison County has received funding in the amount of \$90,000 for FY 2014-2015 and \$53,064 for FY 2015-2016. They also reported Urgent Repair Funding in the amount of \$13,000 for 2015 and \$100,000 for 2016. The summer mission program served 35 clients with 714 individual volunteers.

V.

Upon recommendation from Chris Maney, Parks & Recreation Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve a resolution between the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina and Madison County to receive \$910.00 in funding for the benefit of Barnard Park.

VI.

Upon recommendation from Tammy Cody, Deputy Health Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry the board voted unanimously to approve Benjamin Morrell as a part time environmental health specialist.

VII.

Upon recommendation from Melanie Morgan, Library Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve application for the NC Cardinal Migration Grant 2017-2018. Currently the library uses TLC for its ILS system at a cost of \$17,500.00 per year. If accepted to NC Cardinal, the library would save an estimated \$13,395.00.

Upon recommendation from Mrs. Morgan, and upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve Laura Molina for the vacant substitute circulation assistant position.

VIII.

Ryan Cody, Lead Economic Developer, appeared before the board to discuss the broadband survey results and maps; the small business expo and coding boot camp.

IX.

Donny Laws, County Attorney, presented the monthly tax foreclosure update.

Attorney Laws also presented a draft lease agreement between Friends of Hot Springs Library, Inc. and Madison County.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to approve the lease and to authorize the County Manager to sign the lease. This lease would be for a term of 5 years at a rate of \$900.00 per month. The purpose of the lease is to provide for the operation of the Hot Springs Public library.

X.

Upon recommendation from Forrest Gilliam, County Manager, and upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2017 Holiday Schedule.

Mr. Gilliam updated the board on surplus property.

Discussion was held regarding a special meeting/work session schedule.

Upon recommendation from Mr. Gilliam, and upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to accept a \$5,000.00 grant from Carolina Farm Credit for the Madison County Farmers Market. No county match is required.

Mr. Gilliam provided general updates on strategic transportation planning and long term solutions and various transportation issues; courthouse renovations; work being done at the Administration Offices; Sheriff's Department federal inmates; budget and future plans for the courthouse.

Chairman Brigman made a motion to approve \$5,000.00 per room for furniture, desks, and window coverings for the Madison County Clerk of Court offices.

Discussion was held.

Chairman Brigman rescinded his motion.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the board voted 3 to 2 to amend the agenda to include discussion of furniture and fixtures for the courthouse. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Brigman, Commissioner Gentry, and Commissioner Rice. Voting in the negative were Commissioner Briggs and Commissioner Wechtel.

Upon motion from Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted 3 to 2 to approve \$5,000.00 for furniture and fixtures for each room, for a total of \$25,000.00 to come from fund balance. Voting in the affirmative were Chairman Brigman, Commissioner Gentry, and Commissioner Rice. Voting in the negative were Commissioner Briggs and Commissioner Wechtel.

## XI.

Darlyne Rhinehart, Finance Officer, presented the September, 2016 Financial Report.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #2.

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

Chairman Brigman opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Health in light of the resignation of Janet Adams Crowe.

Commissioner Gentry nominated Hanna Wallin Hardin.

No other nominations were received.

Chairman Brigman closed the nominations. Hanna Wallin Hardin was appointed to the Board of Health.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve a resolution establishing regular meetings of the Madison County Board of

Commissioners. The November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10, 2016 and thereafter on the second Tuesday of each consecutive calendar month unless modified or amended by resolution.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to approve Mike Cherry and Lee Poore as Trustees of the Big Pine Volunteer Fire Department.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the board voted unanimously to approve Suria Stavish as Trustee of the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department.

XII.

Upon motion from Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11.

XIII.

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

XIV.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Gentry, the board voted unanimously to employ Alvin Gaddy as part-time Center Attendant with the Landfill.

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to employ Donald Norton as part-time Center Attendant with the Landfill.

Upon motion from Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to employ Michael Timothy Chandler as part-time Center Attendant with the Landfill.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice the board voted unanimously to contract with Larry Wright for a one month training period with the Landfill.

Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to contract with Maggie Anderson as Site Assistant at the Spring Creek Meal Site.

XV.

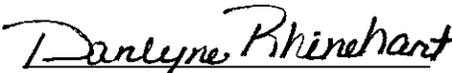
Upon motion from Commissioner Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2016.

MADISON COUNTY

By:   
Wayne Brigman, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
Darlyne Rhinehart, Clerk