

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at A-B Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, NC.

In attendance were Chairman Norris Gentry, Vice-Chairman Wayne Brigman, 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 by Chairman Gentry.

I.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

II.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of November 10, 2016 and December 05, 2016 with correction to Item V. of the December 05 minutes to include "the board voted unanimously to employ Dee Heinmuller as the Community Services Director".

III.

The board heard from Mike Tuziw with concerns about the disposition of surplus property. Mr. Tuziw stated that, "nobody should be able to profit from not paying his taxes".

The board also heard from Chris Watson with concerns with the recent tractor-trailer wreck on highway 212 and what could be done to prevent accidents in the future.

IV.

Melanie Morgan, Library Director, shared with the board that Madison County Public Libraries won 2 out of 20 NCPLDA State Library Awards for 2016. Awards won were the Teen Programming Award for Inspiring Young Authors through Digital Storytelling and Mr. John Wright was recognized for being the recipient of the Friends Volunteer of the Year Award.

Upon recommendation from Mrs. Morgan, and upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Brigman, the board voted unanimously to appoint Gwen McTaggart to the Library Board of Trustees.

V.

Upon recommendation from Scott Greer, Emergency Management Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Brigman the board voted unanimously to approve the Buncombe Madison Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The purpose of the plan is to merge the existing Buncombe County and Madison County plans into one regional plan, complete update of existing plans to demonstrate progress and reflect current conditions, increase public awareness and education, maintain grant eligibility for participating jurisdictions, and maintain compliance with state and federal legislative requirements for local hazard mitigation plans.

VI.

Attorney Donny Laws presented a tax update. No new files were submitted by the tax office and nine foreclosures are scheduled for sale on January 5, 2017.

VII.

Upon recommendation from Brooke Smith, Human Resources Director, and upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Brigman, the board voted unanimously to approve the Family and Medical Leave Act Policy as presented. The policy effective date is January 01, 2017.

VIII.

Forrest Gilliam, County Manager, gave general updates to the board regarding the courthouse renovations; the status of the Fair Labor and Standards Act; a possible DOT project in the county; Home funds awarded to CHC in the amount of \$84,227; and economic development initiatives.

IX.

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

Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Brigman, the board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #04.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the November, 2016 tax releases and refunds.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Brigman, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2017 Commissioner's Meeting Schedule.

Chairman Gentry opened the floor for nominations to the Transportation Authority Board.

Commissioner Brigman nominated Pennie Charles, Commissioner Rice nominated David Allen, and Commissioner Wechtel nominated Angie Allison.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to close the nominations.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Brigman, the board voted unanimously to appoint Pennie Charles, David Allen, and Angie Allison to serve on the Transportation Authority Board for two year terms.

Chairman Gentry opened the floor for nominations to the Watershed Review Board.

Commissioner Brigman nominated Bob Zink.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to close the nominations.

Bob Zink was approved by the full board to serve on the Watershed Review Board for a two year term.

Chairman Gentry opened the floor for nominations to the Planning Board.

Commissioner Brigman nominated Jackie Ball, Commissioner Rice nominated Sue Keener, and Commissioner Brigman nominated Clyde Gregory.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to close the nominations.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Brigman, the board voted unanimously to appoint Jackie Ball, Sue Keener and Clyde Gregory to the Planning Board for two year terms.

Chairman Gentry opened the floor for nominations to the Board of Adjustment.

Commissioner Rice nominated Ernest Ramsey. Commissioner Wechtel nominated Mike Tuziw.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to close the nominations.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to appoint Ernest Ramsey to serve on the Board of Adjustment for a two year term and to appoint Mike Tuziw as alternate to the Board of Adjustment for a two year term.

Chairman Gentry opened the floor for nominations to the Parks and Recreation Board.

Commissioner Brigman nominated Mack Boone, Michelle Mrozkowski, Jeff Loven, and Tina Thorpe. Commissioner Rice nominated Eric Allen.

Chairman Gentry closed the nominations.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to appoint Mack Boone, Michelle Mrozkowski, Jeff Loven, Tina Thorpe, and Eric Allen to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board for two year terms.

X.

Upon motion from Commissioner Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to enter into closed session as permitted by G.S. 143-318.11.

XI.

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

XII.

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

This the 13th day of December, 2016.

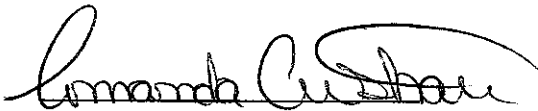
MADISON COUNTY

By:

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Norris Gentry, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Amanda Cutshaw, Clerk