

The Madison County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at A-B Tech, Madison Campus, Marshall, NC.

In attendance were Chairman Norris Gentry, Vice-Chairman Wayne Brigman, Commissioner Clayton Rice, Commissioner Bill Briggs, Commissioner Matt Wechtel, County Manager Forrest Gilliam, Attorney Donny Laws, Clerk Amanda Cutshaw and Deputy Clerk Brooke Smith.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gentry.

Agenda Item 1: Approval of the Agenda

Upon motion from Chairman Gentry, seconded by Vice-Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to add item 8f-Notice of Intent to Authorize Lease to the agenda.

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of item 8f – Notice of Intent to Authorize Lease.

Agenda Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 13, 2017 as presented.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 27, 2017 with the restatement of the motion in Item 3 to: *Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to authorize County Manager, Forrest Gilliam, to sign the contract with Mission Health for EMS Service with a counter offer of a 2% increase not the proposed 4%, pending attorney review.*

Agenda Item 3: Public Comment

There were no names present on the Public Comment Sign-In Sheet

Agenda Item 4: Sallie Klipp – Beacon of Hope

Sallie Klipp presented the board with an update on services provided by Beacon of Hope and the plans to build a new facility on recently purchased land near the AB Tech Madison Campus.

Agenda Item 5: Dee Heinmuller, Director – Madison County Community Services

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to adopt the Madison County Transportation Drug and Alcohol Policy as presented.

Agenda Item 6: Donny Laws – Madison County Attorney

Attorney Donny Laws updated the board on the collection of delinquent taxes.

Agenda Item 7: Rhea Hollars – Madison County Finance Officer

- A. Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to approve the June 2017 Financial Report.
- B. Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to approve Budget Amendment #1.
- C. Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to approve the June 2017 Tax Releases and Refunds.

Agenda Item 8: Forrest Gilliam – Madison County Manager

- A. County Manager Gilliam presented the board with an update regarding budgeting for tax collection trends, the surplus property known as the Rock Building and the recently adopted State Budget.
- B. Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to accept the bid for the surplus property known as lots 101 and 101B Scenic Wolf, in the amount of \$3,000 thereby beginning the upset process.
- C. Upon motion from Chairman Gentry, seconded by Vice-Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to sign and forward correspondence drafted by County Manager Gilliam to AB Tech regarding the \$44,000 in County funds which were requested for Welding Shop Improvements at the Madison Campus and other board concerns.
- D. Upon motion from Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to adopt the RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF INCREASED CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICE IN THE LAUREL FIRE DISTRICT OF MADISON COUNTY.
- E. Upon motion from Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to approve the following board appointments and terms;

- a. Sandy West to the Mountain Area Workforce Development Board for two years
 - b. Jonathan Szucs to the Mountain Area Workforce Development Board for two years
 - c. Clayton Willis to the Mars Hill Board of Adjustment for three years
 - d. Elmer Dickens to the Nursing Adultcare Home Advisory Board for one year
- F. Upon motion from Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to execute the Notice of Intent to Authorize Lease to allow installation of conservation practices with Clifton Metcalf.

Agenda Item 9: Closed Session

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to enter into closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11: personnel, real estate and economic development.

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

Personnel

Upon motion from Vice-Chairman Brigman, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to hire Alyssa Ruckel as Administrative Assistant III at the Madison County Health Department, with a starting salary of \$35,000.

Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Commissioner Rice, the board voted unanimously to hire Elizabeth Madorin as a Part-Time Circulation Assistant at the Madison County Library, with a starting salary of \$8.39 per hour.


Upon motion from Chairman Gentry, seconded by Commissioner Wechtel, the board voted unanimously to extend Lori Ray's contract as the Madison County Tax Collector through September 30, 2021.

Agenda Item 11: Adjournment

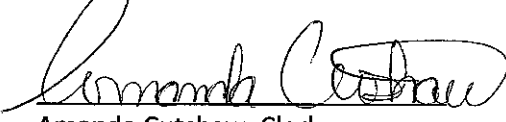
Upon motion from Commissioner Wechtel, seconded by Vice-Chairman Brigman, the board voted unanimously to adjourn.

This the 11th day of July, 2017.

MADISON COUNTY

By: 
Norris Gentry, Chairman
Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:


Amanda Cutshaw, Clerk