

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, February 3, 2020

9:00 AM

Second Floor Conference Room

County Commission

*Chairperson Todd McNeill
Vice Chair Larry Rhodes
Commissioner William Sands
Commissioner Paula Perry
Commissioner Larry Dix*

BUSINESS SESSION**I. 9:00 AM - Meeting Called to Order at the Ashe County Courthouse**

Chairman McNeill called the Regular Meeting of the Ashe County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Ashe County Courthouse.

Present: 5 - Commissioner Todd McNeill, Commissioner William Sands, Commissioner Larry Rhodes, Commissioner Paula Perry and Commissioner Larry Dix

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer

Commissioner Dix led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Perry offered the opening prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes**MIN 20-4** January 21, 2020 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [02-03-20 January 21, 2020 Regular Session Minutes](#)

Commissioner Sands made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 Regular Session Minutes as written. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

MIN 20-5 January 21, 2020 Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Sands made a motion to approve the January 21, 2020 Executive Session Minutes as written. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Dix made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

V. Public Comment

Chairman McNeill opened the floor for public comment. No comment was offered.

VI. Presentations**PRES 20-11** 9:05 AM - Volunteer Coordinator Terri Hopkins - Request to Hold the

Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony

Attachments: [02-03-20 Volunteer Awards Ceremony Approval](#)

Volunteer Coordinator Terri Hopkins presented a request to hold the 35th Annual Volunteer Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2020 at Ashe County High School. Vice Chairman Larry Rhodes made a motion to hold the Volunteer Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2020 with a reception at 6:15 p.m. and the ceremony beginning at 7:00 p.m. Commissioner Dix seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

PRES 20-12 9:15 AM - Captain Brian Greer - Request to Purchase Furniture for Communications Center

Attachments: [02-03-20 Communications Dept. Furniture Purchase Request](#)

Captain Brian Greer, director of Communications with the Ashe County Sheriff's Office, presented a request to appropriate \$71,285.68 from E911 Funds to purchase replacement console furniture for the Ashe County Communications Center. Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to approve the appropriation as requested for the Communications Department. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

PRES 20-13 9:25 AM - County Manager Adam Stumb - Approval to Purchase Property for Highway 163 Convenience Center Site

Attachments: [02-03-20 Hwy 163 Convenience Center Property Purchase](#)

County Manager Adam Stumb stated that the commissioners have been working for several months to locate property for a convenience center site along Highway 163. Property was located and the due diligence process has now been satisfactorily completed. A zoning permit from the Town of West Jefferson has also been received. Concerns stated by town officials include installation of fencing high enough to hide the containers and for the facade on the building. Closing on the property is tentatively scheduled for the first week of March. The cost of the property is \$350,000 to be paid in two payments of \$175,000 in two budget years. Plans for development of the site would begin in the FY2020/2021 budget year. Vice Chairman Rhodes requested that trees be planted around the perimeter of the property. Commissioner Sands then made a motion to purchase property at 2276 NC Highway 163 for a convenience center site. Vice Chairman Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

GENERAL SESSION

Appointments

APP 20-3 Library Board Appointment

Attachments: [02-03-20 Library Board Appointment](#)

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to appoint Jacquelyn Isner to the Ashe County Library Board to fulfill the term of Molly Gambill. Commissioner Dix seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Appointment(s) Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

Ordinances for Second Reading**FRAN 20-2** M&J Disposals Solid Waste Franchise Renewal - Second Reading

Attachments: [02-03-20 M&J Disposals Franchise Renewal-Second Reading](#)

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to adopt the solid waste franchise renewal for M&J Disposals at second reading. Commissioner Dix seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Adopted on Second Reading

For: 5 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

VII. Commissioner Comments**VIII. Announcements****IX. Executive Session****ES 20-3** G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) Legal Issues pertaining to the Junk Materials Ordinance

Commissioner Sands made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session as provided for under G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) to discuss legal issues pertaining to the Junk Materials Ordinance. Commissioner Dix seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval. Chairman McNeill declared the Board into Executive Session at 9:22 a.m. and out of Executive Session at 9:39 a.m. with the following action taken.

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to authorize the code enforcement officer and the county attorney to remove junk cars at 276 Bob McNeill Road in West Jefferson to bring the property into compliance with Chapter 93: Junk Materials, Junkyards, and Abandoned Motor Vehicles Ordinance. Commissioner Dix seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

X. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous

approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Sands, Commissioner Rhodes,
Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

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