

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, July 27, 2020

9:00 AM

Special Meeting

Commission Meeting Room

County Commission

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

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

Chairman McNeill called the Special Session 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

MISC 20-4 Public Hearing

Chairman McNeill opened the second of two required public hearings at 9:00 a.m. to gain citizen input on the submission of an application for 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds in the Neighborhood Revitalization Program category in the amount of approximately \$750,000. The funds will be used to rehabilitate or replace from four to seven low income households in Ashe County. No comment was offered and the public hearing was closed at 9:02 a.m.

Chairman McNeill read the resolution for the application of CDBG funding for the Ashe County Neighborhood Revitalization Project. Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to approve the resolution as read. Commissioner Dix seconded the motion. Chairman McNeill opened the floor for questions or comments from the Board. In answer to a question from Commissioner Sands, Heather Hardin with the Department of Social Services and a member of the committee to select eligible homes for replacement, provided information on the selection of homes needing replacement. She told the Board that the committee visited eight homes in the County and chose five that need to be replaced. If there is enough funding left, there are three more homes that need to be repaired. There is also funding being requested for emergency repairs to assist with things such as plumbing. Michelle Ball, community planner with the High Country Council of Governments, answered questions from the Board along with DSS Director Tracie Downer. With no further questions, Chairman McNeill called for a vote to the motion on the floor. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Chairman McNeill asked if any of the several people that arrived at the meeting after the hearing was closed wished to speak.

Beth Sorrell with Habitat for Humanity stated that she is happy that the funding is available due to the major problem with poverty housing in Ashe County. She hopes that the funding will continue in subsequent years.

Approved

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

II. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 a.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

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