

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, January 4, 2021

9:00 AM

Commission Meeting Room

County Commission

*Chairperson Todd McNeill
Vice Chair William Sands
Commissioner Chuck Olive
Commissioner Jerry D. Powers
Commissioner Jonathan Jordan*

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 Chuck Olive, Chairperson Todd McNeill, Vice Chairman William Sands, Commissioner Jerry D. Powers and Commissioner Jonathan Jordan

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer

Commissioner Powers led the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice Chairman Sands offered the opening prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

[MIN 21-4](#) December 15, 2020 Special Meeting with the Ashe County Board of Education Minutes

Attachments: [1-4-21 December 15, 2020 Joint BOC-BOE Meeting Minutes](#)

Vice Chairman Sands made a motion to approve the December 15, 2020 Special Meeting with the Board of Education Minutes as written. Commissioner Olive seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

[MIN 21-2](#) December 21, 2020 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [1-4-21 December 21, 2020 Regular Session Minutes](#)

Vice Chairman Sands made a motion to approve the December 21, 2020 Regular Session Minutes as written. Commissioner Olive seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

[MIN 21-3](#) December 21, 2020 Executive Session Minutes

Vice Chairman Sands made a motion to approve the December 21, 2020 Executive Session Minutes as written. Commissioner Olive seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Powers made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Vice Chairman

Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

V. Public Comment

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

VI. Presentations

[PRES 21-1](#) 9:05 AM - Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission Executive Director Dare Stromer - CSBG Funding Application

Attachments: [1-4-21 BROOC CSBG Funding Application](#)

Blue Ridge Opportunity Commission Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Director Stacey Howell presented a request for approval of the CSBG Funding Application forms #210 and #212 for Emergency Assistance and forms #210 and #212 for Family Self-Sufficiency. Ms. Howell provided an explanation and planned impacts of the two programs. Vice Chairman Sands made a motion to approve the CSBG Funding Application as presented. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

[PRES 21-2](#) 9:10 AM - Ashe County Farm Bureau Board President Judy Bare - Agriculture Center Update

Ashe County Farm Bureau Board President Judy Bare presented a progress update on plans for an agriculture center. She reported that the planning committee has applied for multiple grants, which, if awarded, could provide up to \$1.6 million. She also said that the committee has obtained more than twenty letters of support from farmers in Ashe and surrounding counties. She shared design ideas for the proposed center, which the committee hopes will include a meeting space and livestock station with sales ring.

[PRES 21-3](#) 9:15 AM - County Manager Adam Stumb - Consideration of Airport Hangar Lease

Attachments: [1-4-21 Airport Hangar Lease](#)

County Manager Adam Stumb presented a lease for the last unoccupied airport hangar, which requires two doors to be replaced before use. The potential lessee has offered to pay initially for the needed repairs if the lease payments can be applied to the construction costs until recouped. Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the lease with the following amendments: completion of the last sentence in the fourth clause; removal of "At the end of the term Landlord agrees to pay the balance of Door Loan to Tenant, should the term end prior to full payment of Door Loan." from the fifth clause; and correction of a misspelling in the twelfth clause. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved as Amended

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

GENERAL SESSION

VII. Other Items for Consideration

[MISC 21-1](#) Announcement of Meetings that Occur on a Holiday in 2021

Attachments: [1-4-21 Commission Meetings On Holidays 2021](#)

An announcement was made regarding the meeting that occurs on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day which will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, the meeting that occurs on the County's observance of Independence Day which will be held on Tuesday, July 6, 2021, and the meeting that occurs on Labor Day which will be held on Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

IX. Announcements

X. Executive Session

XI. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Sands made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m. Commissioner Olive seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.
Approved

For: 5 - Commissioner Olive, Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

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Todd McNeill, Chairman

Ashley G. Honeycutt
Clerk to the Board