

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, October 3, 2022

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 Session of the October 3, 2022 meeting of the commissioners to order at 9:00 am at the Ashe County Courthouse.

Present: 4 - Chairperson Todd McNeill, Vice Chairman William Sands, Commissioner Jerry D. Powers and Commissioner Jonathan Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Chuck Olive

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer

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

III. Approval of Minutes

[MIN 22-34](#) September 19, 2022 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [10-03-22 September 19th, 2022 Regular Session Minutes](#)

Commissioner Powers made a motion to approve the September 19, 2022 Regular Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

[MIN 22-35](#) September 19, 2022 Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Powers made the motion to approve the September 19, 2022 Executive Session Minutes. Vice Chairman Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

IV. Adoption of Agenda

After the 10/3/2022 Agenda was finalized PEAK Sanitation notified the county that they would be unable to attend & rescheduled for the Board of Commissioners Meeting scheduled for 10/17/2022. Also Chairman McNeill added G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) Acquisition of Property to today's already scheduled Executive Session. Commissioner Powers made the motion to adopt the Agenda as amended. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Adopted

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

V. Public Comment

Chairman McNeill opened the floor for Public Comment. No comment was offered.

VI. Presentations

[PRES](#) [22-163](#)

9:05 AM - Tax Administrator Chris Lambert - Presentation of the 2023 Schedule of Values (Powerpoint)

Tax Administrator Chris Lambert presented to the Board the Proposed 2023 Schedule of Values for Ashe County. The Schedule of Values is 356 pages long and can be read in it's entirety on the County Website:

[https://ashecountytax.com/content/files/Proposed_2023_SOV\(fin\).pdf?v637999708680894053](https://ashecountytax.com/content/files/Proposed_2023_SOV(fin).pdf?v637999708680894053)

The purpose is to describe the methodology and procedures for appraising all Ashe County real estate at market value (and present use value, as appropriate) at the time of the county's most recent General Reappraisal. The Schedule of Values establishes the base rates and ranges which will be in effect until the next General Reappraisal for all types of property. It also includes the adjustments that may be used for various types of construction and market conditions, and valuation schedules for land. The tables, rates, and ranges are only guidelines; on a property-by-property basis, appraisers have the flexibility to adjust rates in order to appraise individual properties at market value, and to establish equitable and uniform values for all types of property. General Reappraisals are conducted by applying Mass Appraisal techniques, with thorough analysis from appraisal staff and the use of a computer-assisted mass appraisal (CAMA) software system. The sales comparison, cost approach, and income approach to value are all considered when applicable to appraise all real property.

No Action Taken

[PRES](#) [22-164](#)

9:10 AM - Veterans Service Officer Missy Parker - Support for "Operation Green Light" for Veterans

Attachments: [10-03-22 Operation Green Light For Veterans](#)

Due to a scheduling conflict Veterans Services Officer Missy Parker could not attend today's meeting. Her presentation has been rescheduled for the October 17th, 2022 Regular Session Meeting.

No Action Taken

[PRES](#) [22-165](#)

9:15 AM - Director of Animal Control Joe Testerman - Animal Control Ordinance Rewrite (Chapter 90)

Attachments: [10-03-22 Ashe County NC Ordinance Chapter 90 Animal](#)

Director of Animal Control Joe Testerman presented to the Board the rewrite of the Ashe County, NC Ordinance Chapter 90: Animals. Director Testerman stated that the previous ordinance was very old and out dated with the last update being in 2004. The majority of the updates and changes were derived from the state statutes word for word & included

the addition of many definitions. These changes will clarify a lot for staff out in the field Testerman said. The Board suggested that the County Attorney John Kilby take a look at the rewritten ordinance and approve. Then Director Testerman can present the ordinance to the Board for approval again on 10/17/2022 at the Regular Session meeting.

No Action Taken

[PRES](#)
[22-166](#)

9:20 AM - Director of Department of Environmental Services Scott Hurley - Landfill Timber Sale

Attachments: [10-03-22 Request For Proposals-Invitation to Bid on Timber Landfill Tract Draft](#)

Director of Department of Environmental Services Scott Hurley presented to the Board a request for approval to seek bids for the clearing of approximately 5 acres of timber, mostly comprised of white pine from a potential soil borrowing area located at the Ashe County Landfill, 739 Fred Pugh Rd, Crumpler, NC 28617. Vice Chairman Sands made the motion to approve the seeking of bids. Chairman Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

[PRES](#)
[22-167](#)

9:25 AM - Director of Department of Environmental Services Scott Hurley - Reclassification of Landfill Position

Director of Department of Environmental Services Scott Hurley presented to the Board a request for the Reclassification of a Landfill Position from Equipment Operator 1 to Equipment Operator 2. This to promote a staff member with 13 plus years experience with the capability of running multiple pieces of heavy equipment. Commissioner Powers made the motion to approve the reclassification. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

[PRES](#)
[22-169](#)

9:30 AM - Director of Department of Environmental Services Scott Hurley - Reinstatement of Sick Leave for Michael P. Miller

Attachments: [10-03-22 Michael P. Miller Sick Leave Info](#)

Director of Department of Environmental Services Scott Hurley presented to the Board a request for the Reinstatement of Sick Leave for Michael P. Miller. Miller has been rehired as an Equipment Operator at the landfill. He left County employment in April of 2019 at which time he had 259.06 hours of accrued sick leave. He is eligible to have that reinstated per HR. Vice Chairman Sands made the motion to reinstate the sick leave time. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

[PRES](#)
[22-171](#)

9:35 AM Director of Department of Environment Services Scott Hurley - Landfill Equipment

Attachments: [10-03-2022 Carolina CAT Price Quote Caterpillar 420](#)

Director of Department of Environmental Services Scott Hurley presented to the Board a quote from Carolina CAT for the cost of a Caterpillar 420 Rubber Tire Backhoe with a 22% discount on base machine. He also explained the need for the piece of equipment most notably the complete break down of their current machine which was an 80's model purchased used many years ago. Landfill equipment is also used to assist in other areas of the county as needed for other county projects. After more discussion in regards to the necessity of the equipment and discussion with Finance Officer Sandy Long as to the money for the purchase Commissioner Powers made the motion to approve the purchase of the backhoe for the landfill. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval. Also voted on additionally in this presentation was the option to purchase an Extended Warranty for the backhoe at a cost of \$1525.00. Commissioner Powers made the motion to approve the purchase of the extended warranty. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval

Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

[PRES](#)
[22-168](#)

9:40 AM - PEAK Sanitation, Keith Honeycutt - 2nd Meeting Seeking Franchise

Attachments: [10-03-22 Peak Sanitation Letter of Intent](#)
[10-03-22 PEAK Sanitation Lanfill Credit Application](#)
[10-03-22 PEAK Sanitation Solid Waste Management Contract DRAFT](#)

PEAK Sanitation was unable to attend today. They requested to be scheduled for the October 17th, 2022 meeting.

No Action Taken

GENERAL SESSION

[APP 22-11](#)

Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee - Appointment of James D. Belk to the JCPC Board

The (JCPC) Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee requests to appoint James D. Belk as a board member to the JCPC. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Appointment(s) Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

APP 22-13

Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee - Board Changes removing Lee Bricker & replacing with Matthew Levchuck.

The JCPC are requesting to make a board member change. Consisting of moving Lee Bricker from the Ashe County JCPC to the Alleghany JCPC. Mr. Bricker runs the Alleghany District Court which is held at the same time as the Ashe JCPC meeting causing a scheduling conflict. So the JCPC request to rotate Mr. Bricker from the Ashe JCPC Board to the Alleghany JCPC Board. And, Mr. Levchuck will be moving from the Alleghany JCPC to the Ashe JCPC. Commissioner Jordan made the motion to approve the JCPC Board changes. Vice Chairman Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Appointment(s) Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

**PRES
22-170**

Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee - Amendment of JCPC Bylaws Article IV.(1) (f), (3)

Juvenile Crime Prevention Committee is requesting approval of the Amendment of JCPC Bylaws Article IV.(1) (f). Vice Chairman Sands made the motion to approve the amendment. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

APP 22-12

Re-Appointment of Josh Roten to WCC Board of Trustees

Attachments: [10-03-22 WCC Reappointment Letter Josh Roten](#)

Wilkes Community College Board of Trustees Chairman has requested the reappointment of Josh Roten to the Board of Trustees. His term will be for four (4) years running from 6/30/22 through 6/30/26. Commissioner Powers made the motion to approve the reappointment. Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Appointment(s) Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

VII. Commissioner Comments

VIII. Announcements**IX. Executive Session**

Commissioner Powers made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 10:20 am to discuss G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) Legal Issues and G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (5) Acquisition of Property. Vice Chairman Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval. Chairman McNeill declared the Board in Executive Session at 10:20 am and out of session at 12:18 pm.

Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

[ES 22-17](#) G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (3) Legal Issues

[ES 22-18](#) G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (5) Acquisition of Property

X. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Sands made the motion to adjourn the October 3, 2022 Regular Session Meeting at 12:19 pm. Commissioner Powers seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 4 - Chairperson McNeill, Vice Chairman Sands, Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Jordan

Excused: 1 - Commissioner Olive

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Todd McNeill, Chairman

Missy Seivers
Clerk to the Board