

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, March 19, 2018

9:00 AM

Commission Meeting Room

County Commission

*Chairman William Sands
Vice Chair Larry Rhodes
Commissioner Jeff Rose
Commissioner Paula Perry
Commissioner Todd McNeill*

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

Chairman Sands called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the commissioners' meeting room (small courtroom) at the Ashe County Courthouse. Due to court proceedings, the meeting was called to order and then recessed until 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Rose was present when the meeting was called to order but was not present when the meeting went into session at 10:00 a.m.

Present: 3 - Commissioner Larry Rhodes, Commissioner William Sands and Commissioner Paula Perry

Absent: 2 - Commissioner Jeff Rose and Commissioner Todd McNeill

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer

Commissioner Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Vice Chairman Rhodes led the opening prayer.

III. Approval of Minutes

[MIN 18-64](#) March 5, 2018 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [03-19-18 March 5, 2018 Regular Session Minutes](#)

Commissioner Perry made a motion to approve the March 5, 2018 Regular Session minutes as written. Vice Chairman Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 3 - Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands and Commissioner Perry

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to adopt the agenda with the change that PRES 18-165 - Ashe Community Paramedics Program Information be tabled until the April 2, 2018 meeting. Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to adopt the agenda as amended. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Adopted

For: 3 - Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands and Commissioner Perry

V. Public Comment

There were no comments from the public.

VI. Presentations

[PRES](#)
[18-165](#) 9:05 AM - Ashe Community Paramedics Program Information

Attachments: [03-19-18 Community Paramedics Project](#)

Tabled**[PRES
18-166](#)**

9:15 AM - Planning Director Adam Stumb - Acceptance of Farmland Preservation Grant

Attachments: [03-19-18 Farmland Preservation Grant](#)

Planning Director Adam Stumb requested the Board's acceptance of the Farmland Preservation Grant contract and approval of the committee that will oversee the grant. He told the Board that it has been approximately one year since the application for the grant was approved by the Board. The Farmland Preservation Grant (\$14,000) will be used to analyze the farming industry in Ashe County and to look at ways to protect the farming industry. The County received the contract for the grant within the past several weeks. Formulation of a committee to oversee the grant has already begun. Members of the committee will be made up predominately with Farmland Preservation Advisory Board members, the Agricultural Extension Committee, two members from the Planning Board, and will work closely with the High Country Council of Governments. Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to approve the grant contract and the committee that will oversee the grant. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 3 - Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands and Commissioner Perry

**[PRES
18-167](#)**

9:25 AM - Tax Administrator Chris Lambert - Monthly Tax Report

Attachments: [03-19-18 Monthly Tax Report-February 2018](#)

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to approve the February 2018 Tax Report as presented. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 3 - Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands and Commissioner Perry

**[PRES
18-171](#)**

9:30 AM - Librarian Suzanne Moore - Ashe County Library Current Happenings and Library Update

Attachments: [03-19-18 Library Update](#)

Ashe County Librarian Suzanne Moore delivered a presentation to update the Board on current happenings at the Library. She highlighted the Good Neighbor Project which is a region-wide project developed to maintain and manage mental health. The Library has also partnered with the Farmer's Market to support local farms and to promote healthy eating. In addition, Ms. Moore explained the Veteran's History Project currently underway at the Library.

GENERAL SESSION**Appointments****[APP 18-25](#)**

Airport Advisory Board Appointment - George Morrison

Attachments: [03-19-18 Airport Advisory Bd Appointment](#)

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to reappoint George Morrison to the Airport Advisory Board. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Appointment(s) Approved

For: 3 - Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands and Commissioner Perry

PRES
18-168

High Country Workforce Development Board Appointment - Jeff Dreyer

Attachments: [03-19-18 High Country Workforce Dev Bd Appointment](#)

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to reappoint Jeff Dreyer to the High Country Workforce Development Board. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 3 - Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands and Commissioner Perry

Other Items for Consideration**MISC 18-42** Consideration of Marsy's Law (HB 551/SB 595)**Attachments:** [03-19-18 Marsy's Law Proclamation](#)

County Attorney John Kilby told the Board that the proclamation is in support of a statewide referendum to vote on Marsy's Law (HB 551/SB 595). Chairman Sands stated that the purpose of the bill is to strengthen victim's rights in a crime. Commissioner Perry made a motion to approve the proclamation in support of Marsy's Law. Vice Chairman Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 3 - Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands and Commissioner Perry

MISC 18-43 Discussion Regarding Space Allocation at Family Central

County Manager Sam Yearick presented information to the Board regarding requests for space at Family Central. A request has been made for both the environmental services section of the Health Department and for billing personnel to move into the space vacated by the Partnership for Children. This will accommodate present needs for these departments plus it will include room for future expansion. The old band room is being looked at to house the Afterschool Program. Mount Jefferson Child Development Center is in need of temporary housing by the end of May when they have to move out of their current location. Vice Chairman Rhodes requested that the county manager provide the Board with an updated plat showing usage of the Family Central building.

VII. Commissioner Comments**VIII. Announcements****IX. Executive Session**

X. Adjournment

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m.

Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

For: 3 - Commissioner Rhodes, Commissioner Sands and Commissioner Perry

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William Sands, Chairman

Ann J. Clark, MMC, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board