

# **Ashe County**

*150 Government Circle  
Jefferson, NC 28640*



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Monday, March 4, 2019**

**9:00 AM**

**Second Floor Conference Room**

### **County Commission**

*Chairperson Todd McNeill*

*Vice Chair William Sands*

*Commissioner Larry Rhodes*

*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 March 4, 2019 Regular Meeting of the Ashe County Board of Commissioners to order at 9:00 a.m.*

**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 19-15](#) February 18, 2019 Regular Session Minutes

**Attachments:** [03-04-19 February 18, 2019 Regular Session Minutes](#)

*Vice Chairman Sands made a motion to approve the February 18, 2019 Regular Session Minutes as written. 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

[MIN 19-16](#) February 18, 2019 Executive Session Minutes

*Vice Chairman Sands made a motion to approve the February 18, 2019 Executive Session Minutes as written. 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

**IV. Adoption of Agenda**

*Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of Department of Social Services Director Tracie Downer to provide a departmental update. Commissioner Perry made a second to the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.*

**Adopted**

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

**V. Public Comment**

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

**VI. Presentations****PRES 19-39** 9:05 AM - Lonnie Jones & Ramona Renfroe - Museum of Ashe County History Update

**Attachments:** [03-04-19 Ashe County Museum of History Update](#)

*Lonnie Jones, president of the Museum of Ashe County History, and Director Ramona Renfroe, provided an update on the Museum. Don Long, museum curator, and June Weaver, board member, were also present at the meeting. The Museum of Ashe County History averages 15,000 visitors per year. Last year the Museum was awarded the Collections Assessment for Preservation. Events held at the Museum were highlighted and in 2019 individuals are scheduled to do weekend presentations beginning in April and running through October. In addition, an exhibit will open on May 4 that focuses on religion in Ashe County and will tell the stories of various denominations in Ashe County.*

**PRES 19-40** 9:20 AM - Interim County Manager Adam Stumb & Finance Officer Sandra Long - Middle School Financing Project

**Attachments:** [03-04-19 Middle School Financing Project](#)

*Interim County Manager Adam Stumb updated the Board on the Ashe County Middle School and Wilkes Community College financing projects. He told the Board that there are two individuals that will make up the financing team for the Ashe County Middle School construction project and for the Wilkes Community College expansion project. Ryan Maher with Robert W. Baird & Company will serve as the senior managing bond underwriter for the construction projects. Another member of the financing team is Scott Leo, partner with the firm of Parker Poe Attorneys at Law, who will serve as bond counsel on the issuance of limited obligation bonds for the construction projects. Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to approve Ryan Maher and Scott Leo and their firms to represent Ashe County in the financing of the Ashe County Middle School construction project and the Wilkes Community College expansion project. Vice Chairman 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 19-41** 9:30 AM - DSS Director Tracie Downer - Monthly Update

**Attachments:** [03-04-19 Social Work Elevate 2019](#)

*Department of Social Services Director Tracie Downer presented the Board with a proclamation declaring March as National Social Worker Month. Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to approve the Elevate Social Work Proclamation. Commissioner Dix seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.*

*Director Downer updated the Board on staffing within the Department of Social Services stating that they are almost fully staffed now.*

*Income Maintenance Supervisor Jeana Arroya presented information on Medicaid Transformation which is changing from "fee for service" to "managed care". Changes will go into effect during November 2019. The process has gone through four years of planning and will include prepaid health plans for managed care for approximately 1.6*

*million people. The first phase of Medicaid Transformation rollout will be for standard plans that include children and parents that do not need extended services. An independent company will be the enrollment broker and there will be an enrollment period for recipients. The Department of Social Services will assist with education for participants and there will be no changes to benefits offered.*

**Approved**

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

## GENERAL SESSION

### Resolutions

[RES 19-2](#) Resolution Setting the New Schedule of the Regular Meeting Time of the Ashe County Board of Commissioners

**Attachments:** [03-04-19 Resolution Setting Schedule of Board Meeting Times](#)

*Commissioner Dix made a motion to adopt the resolution setting the new schedule of the regular meeting time of the Ashe County Board of Commissioners that will take effect on July 1, 2019. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with Commissioners McNeill, Perry and Dix voting in favor. Commissioners Sands and Rhodes voted in opposition.*

**Adopted**

**For:** 3 - Commissioner McNeill, Commissioner Perry and Commissioner Dix

**Against:** 2 - Commissioner Sands and Commissioner Rhodes

### Appointments

[APP 19-9](#) Appointment of an Alternate Member to the West Jefferson Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Board

**Attachments:** [03-04-19 Appointment of Alternate West Jefferson ETJ Member](#)

*Commissioner Rhodes made a motion to appoint Rick Price as an alternate member to the West Jefferson Extra-Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) Board. Vice Chairman Sands 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

### VII. Commissioner Comments

### VIII. Announcements

### IX. Executive Session

### X. Adjournment

*Vice Chairman Sands made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 a.m. Commissioner*

*Rhodes 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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**Todd McNeill, Chairman**

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