

Ashe County

*150 Government Circle
Jefferson, NC 28640*



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, December 2, 2019

9:00 AM

Second Floor Conference Room

County Commission

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

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

Interim County Manager Adam Stumb called the Organizational Meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. in the second floor conference room of the Ashe County Courthouse.

Present: 5 - Commissioner Todd McNeill, Commissioner William Sands, Commissioner Larry Rhodes, Commissioner Paula Perry and Commissioner Larry Dix

II. Election of Chairman & Vice Chairman

Interim County Manager Adam Stumb opened the floor for nominations for chairman. Commissioner Sands nominated Todd McNeill for the position of chairman. Commissioner Dix seconded the nomination. With no further nominations being made, Manager Stumb called for a vote to the nomination on the floor. The vote passed with unanimous approval.

Chairman McNeill then opened the floor for nominations for vice chairman. Commissioner Perry nominated Commissioner Dix for the position of vice chairman. Chairman McNeill seconded the nomination. Commissioner Sands nominated Commissioner Rhodes for the position of vice chairman. Chairman McNeill seconded the nomination. With no further nominations being made, Chairman McNeill called for a vote to the nomination for Commissioner Dix. Commissioners Perry and Dix voted in favor. Chairman McNeill called for a vote for the nomination of Commissioner Rhodes. Commissioners McNeill, Sands, and Rhodes voted in favor.

Approved

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

III. Pledge of Allegiance/Opening Prayer

Commissioner Perry led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Dix offered the opening prayer.

IV. Approval of Minutes

[MIN 19-60](#) November 18, 2019 Regular Session Minutes

Attachments: [12-02-19 November 18, 2019 Regular Session Minutes](#)

Commissioner Sands made a motion to approve the November 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 19-61](#) November 18, 2019 Executive Session Minutes

Commissioner Sands made a motion to approve the November 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

V. Adoption of Agenda

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to adopt the agenda with the addition of consideration to approve an interlocal agreement with Yadkin County. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Adopted

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

VI. Public Comment

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

VII. Presentations

[PRES](#)
[19-206](#)

9:05 AM - Finance Officer Sandra Long - Landfill Compactor Financing Approval

Finance Officer Sandra Long presented information to the Board regarding purchase of a compactor for the landfill. General Statutes stipulate that the State solicit the best price for purchase of large equipment such as a compactor. Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for financing of the compactor were sent to five banks and two of those banks responded. First Citizens Bank sent a proposal with a financing rate of 2.27% and First National Bank sent a proposal of 2.14% for a five-year loan period. Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to approve the proposal from First National Bank for a financing rate of 2.14% with a five-year loan term and the signature approval of Sandra Long, Angela Eggers, and Ann Clark for the financing documents. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

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

[PRES](#)
[19-207](#)

9:10 AM - Elections Director John Shepherd - Voting Equipment Approval

Attachments: [12-02-19 Voting Equipment Approval](#)

Elections Director John Shepherd introduced Elections Board members attending the meeting. He presented a request for the Board to approve the purchase of new voting equipment. Current equipment was purchased in 2005 with federal grant monies. The equipment is aging and beginning to have problems and replacement parts are not available. The new equipment is optic scan equipment. Thirty-four counties have already purchased the equipment. A detailed explanation of the equipment was provided. The cost of the equipment is \$220,000. There is a loyalty discount of \$13,000 if the new equipment is purchased before January 1. The current service agreement is \$19,000 and the service agreement charge for the new equipment will drop to \$10,000 per year. The company will accept one-half of the total payment this year and the other half during next year's budget at no interest. Commissioner Sands made a motion to approve the

purchase of new voting equipment from Election Systems & Software as recommended by the Board of Elections for \$220,000 with one-half of the amount paid this year and one-half to be paid during the FY 2020/2021 budget year. Vice Chairman Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

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

[PRES
19-208](#)

9:20 AM - Lonnie Jones - 1904 Courthouse Roof Repairs Update

Attachments: [12-02-19 Museum of History Roof Repairs Update](#)

Lonnie Jones and Ramona Renfroe with the Museum of Ashe County History were present to update the Board on roof repairs made to the 1904 Courthouse. Lonnie Jones thanked the Board for the funds that were appropriated to pay for the repairs. He explained that when the roof was removed, the workers found that it was not as bad as originally thought. The cost of repairs was \$19,337. There are other small repairs that need to be made and the Museum of Ashe County History will pay for these. Museum Director Ramona Renfroe told the Board that they average 15,000 visitors per year and thanked the Board for their support.

[PRES
19-209](#)

9:30 AM - Interim County Manager Adam Stumb - Approval of Five Year Work Plan

Attachments: [12-02-19 Five Year Work Plan Approval](#)

Interim County Manager Adam Stumb presented a copy of the Ashe County Five-Year Work Plan provided by Facilitator Phil Trew with High Country Council of Governments. He provided a review of what is included in the plan. Commissioner Dix made a motion to approve the Five-Year Work Plan for Ashe County as presented. Commissioner Perry seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

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

[PRES
19-210](#)

9:40 AM - Interim County Manager Adam Stumb - Yadkin County Interlocal Agreement

Attachments: [12-02-19 Yadkin County Interlocal Agreement](#)

Interim County Manager Adam Stumb presented an interlocal agreement with Yadkin County for Ashe County to assist with child welfare legal services. Due to a vacant attorney position in Yadkin County's Department of Social Services (DSS), Ashe County's DSS attorney will assist Yadkin County with child welfare legal services until their position is filled, most likely through January 2020. The interlocal agreement details the scope of work that will be provided and Yadkin County will be invoiced monthly at a rate of \$150.00 per hour for services. Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to approve the interlocal agreement between Ashe County and Yadkin County for child welfare legal services. Commissioner Sands seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval.

Approved

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

GENERAL SESSION

Appointments

APP 19-23 Long Term Care Advisory Committee Appointments & Reappointment

Attachments: [12-02-19 Long Term Care Advisory Committee Reappointment-Judy Bare](#)
[12-02-19 Long Term Care Advisory Committee Appointment-Phyllis Ashley](#)
[12-02-19 Long Term Care Advisory Committee Appointment-Christine Haines](#)

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to reappoint Judy Bare to the Long Term Care Advisory Committee and to appoint Phyllis Ashley and Christine Haines to the Long Term Care Advisory Committee. Commissioner Dix 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

APP 19-24 Airport Advisory Board Reappointment

Attachments: [12-02-19 Airport Advisory Board Reappointment-Bob Marsh](#)

Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to reappoint Bob Marsh to the Airport Advisory Board. Commissioner Perry 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

VIII. Commissioner Comments

IX. Announcements

X. Executive Session

ES 19-24 G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) Personnel Issues

Commissioner Sands made a motion for the Board to enter into Executive Session as provided for under G.S. 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel issues. Vice Chairman Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion passed with unanimous approval. Chairman McNeill declared the Board into Executive Session at 9:48 a.m. and out of Executive Session at 10:52 a.m. with no action taken.

Approved

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

XI. Adjournment

*Commissioner Sands made a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 10:55 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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Todd McNeill, Chairman

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