

# **Ashe County**

*150 Government Circle  
Jefferson, NC 28640*



## **Meeting Minutes - Final**

**Monday, August 3, 2020**

**9:00 AM**

**Commission Meeting 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**

*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 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 20-23](#) July 20, 2020 Regular Session Minutes**

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 July 20, 2020 Regular Session Minutes](#)

*Commissioner Sands made a motion to approve the July 20, 2020 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 20-24](#) July 20, 2020 Executive Session Minutes**

*Commissioner Sands made a motion to approve the July 20, 2020 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

**[MIN 20-25](#) July 27, 2020 Special Session Minutes**

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 July 27, 2020 Special Session Minutes](#)

*Commissioner Sands made a motion to approve the July 27, 2020 Special 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 Sands made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Perry seconded 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 public comment. No comment was offered.*

**VI. Presentations**

[PRES  
20-118](#)

9:00 AM - Public Hearing - Economic Developer Cathy Barr - Acquisition of Property on Ray Taylor Road

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 Public Hearing Notice](#)

*Chairman McNeill opened the public hearing at 9:04 a.m. that was being held for the purpose of gaining citizen input on the acquisition of real property located off of Ray Taylor Road that will be used for an industrial park. The County will purchase the land from Ashe County Job Development (ACJD) for \$950,000 which includes \$650,000 at closing on August 18, 2020 and \$300,000 at a later date. Funding sources include the County of Ashe and loans from ACJD and SkyLine/Skybest. No comment was offered from the public. The public hearing was closed at 9:05 a.m. Commissioner Dix made a motion for the County of Ashe to purchase real property (PIN 192227-079) located off of Ray Taylor Road for \$950,000 on August 18, 2020. The funding sources include the County of Ashe, a SkyBest/SkyLine loan of \$400,000, and an ACJD loan of \$300,000. 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  
20-119](#)

9:10 AM - Tax Administrator Chris Lambert & County Manager Adam Stumb - Eagleview Pictometry Update

*Tax Administrator Chris Lambert provided an overview of the Eagleview Pictometry project prior to signing the contract with Eagleview. The pictometry will provide a 45-degree view of all properties in the County along with an updated street view of all properties. The public will be able to view the information on the County's website and continuous updates to information on the website will be a valuable tool for revaluation of properties. The information will also be available for use by 911 and emergency services, and for law enforcement and fire departments. Photography of properties in Ashe County will take place between December 2020 and February 2021.*

[PRES  
20-126](#)

9:20 AM - County Manager Adam Stumb - Capital Expenses Approval Request

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 Capital Expenses](#)

*County Manager Adam Stumb stated that at the end of this year's budget work sessions, the Board requested that all capital expenses be delayed until October 2020 unless approved by the Board or the county manager. The following capital purchases have been on hold, but due to increased early property tax payments, close to \$1 million more than this time last year, the following projects will be started: 1) Tax Office pictometry*

software at \$68,409.67; 2) IT/DSS Office 365 software purchase at a 60/40 split of \$24,000 and \$10,400; and 3) Sheriff's Office Viper Radio lease/purchase. No action is required from the Board because the items were approved in this year's budget.

[PRES](#)  
[20-120](#)

9:25 AM - DSS Director Tracie Downer - Traverse Software Purchase Consideration

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 Traverse Software Service Agreement](#)

*Department of Social Services Director Tracie Downer provided contract information for Traverse software as requested at the last meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Purchase of the software will be paid for this year through COVID-19 funds. She explained that the software will be used for both adult services and child services. Attorney Grier Hurley reviewed the contract prior to being presented to the Board. There is a termination provision included in the contract if the County decides to not continue with the software after the first year. The contract cost is \$77,000 per year for three years. Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to approve the purchase of Traverse software for the Department of Social 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

[PRES](#)  
[20-122](#)

9:30 AM - Ashe Services for Aging Finance Officer Mary Owen - FY2019-2020 HCCBG Final Budget Revision

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 HCCBG Revision FY2019-2020](#)

*Ashe Services for Aging Director Patricia Calloway presented the FY2019-20 Home and Community Care Block Grant Budget final revision for approval by the Board. The revision reflects shifting of funds to cover services provided due to COVID-19. Congregant meals provided at the Ashe Services for Aging facility had to be stopped and changed to home-delivered meals. In addition, changes had to be made to services provided for adults. Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to approve the FY2019-20 HCCBG budget revision as presented. 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

[PRES](#)  
[20-123](#)

9:30 AM - Ashe Services for Aging Finance Officer Mary Owen - FY2020-21 HCCBG Budget Approval

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 HCCBG Budget FY2020-21](#)

*Ashe Services for Aging Director Patricia Calloway presented the FY2020-21 Home & Community Care Block Grant Budget for approval by the Board. She provided an explanation of services that have been shifted due to COVID-19. Congregate meals are now being served as drive-thru pickup meals instead of inside the facility, and many services for adults have been adjusted. Due to the changes, there has been a large increase in the need for home delivered meals. Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to approve the FY2020-21 Home & Community Care Block Grant Budget. 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](#)  
[20-124](#)

9:30 AM - Ashe Services for Aging Finance Officer Mary Owen - Families First Coronavirus Response Act Budget Approval

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 Families First Coronavirus Response Act Budget](#)

*Services for Aging Director Patricia Calloway presented the Families First Coronavirus Response Act Budget for approval by the Board. She told the Board that Ashe County received additional funds in the amount of \$27,862 due to COVID-19 to be used for nutrition services. There has been an increase in the number of people needing home delivered meals. Commissioner Dix made a motion to approve the Families First Coronavirus Response Act Budget 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](#)  
[20-125](#)

9:40 AM - Emergency Management Coordinator Patty Gambill - COVID-19 Update

*Emergency Management Coordinator Patty Gambill provided an update on COVID-19 statistics for Ashe County.*

[PRES](#)  
[20-127](#)

9:45 AM - Airport Advisory Board Chair Tom Breggar - Airport Hangar Lease Extension Request for Bob Clifton

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 Airport Hangar Lease-Bob Clifton](#)

*Airport Advisory Board Chair Tom Breggar was not present at the meeting and the agenda item was continued to the next meeting of the Board of Commissioners.*

**Continued****GENERAL SESSION****Appointments**

[APP 20-9](#)

Library Board Appointments

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 Library Board Appointments](#)

*Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to appoint Kim Barnes and Jacquelyn Isner to the Ashe County Library Board for four-year terms, and to appoint Jan Knoffsinger to the Regional Board for a four-year term. Commissioner 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

[APP 20-10](#)

Wilkes Community College Board of Trustees Appointment

**Attachments:** [08-03-20 Appointment to WCC Board](#)

*Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to appoint Kelly Vannoy to the Wilkes Community College Board of Trustees. 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

## **VII. Commissioner Comments**

## **VIII. Announcements**

## **IX. Executive Session**

## **X. Adjournment**

*Vice Chairman Rhodes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 a.m. 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

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**Todd McNeill, Chairman**

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