

**Minutes of the 6 March 2017**  
**Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners**  
**Held at 9:00 o'clock a.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room**  
**Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina**

Present at the 6 March 2017 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Commissioner Jill Austin, Commissioner Mark Ledford, Commissioner Johnny Riddle, Commissioner John Stallings, Commissioner Jeff Whitson, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, County Attorney Donny Laws, and County Planner Jamie McMahan.

**Call to Order and Approval of Agenda**

Chairman Riddle called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Austin made a motion to approve the agenda and it was seconded by Commissioner Stallings. The motion to approve was unanimous. (Attachment A)

**General Discussion of General County Operations and Services**

Commissioner Stallings asked about the lawsuit that was filed against Chris Shuford and how this might affect the County. County Attorney Donny Laws stated that the agreement with the Shufords is to defend any claims against the easement. According to Mr. Laws this lawsuit deals with personal property. The Board next moved to discussion of Cane River Park and possible miscommunication between county staff and staff at the two middle schools for use of the fields. County Manager Nathan Bennett stated that he had told the director of Cane River Park to meet with the athletic directors of both middle schools as well as coaches of youth league to determine a schedule for the fields. Mr. Bennett also provided an update on the concession stand being constructed at Cane River Park. Commissioner Whitson then asked about the mowing RFP about the areas that were to be included and the requirements for the contractors. According to Mr. Bennett the mowing is to include everything except Cane River Park and Toe River Campground. The contractors are required to have \$1 million in liability insurance also the ability to mow the areas that are required to be mowed. Mr. Bennett also stated that the RFP had been placed on the County's website, an ad had been placed in the Times-Journal and mailed 8 packets to the addresses of people that we have. All of the RFP's are due by March 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm. Commissioner Whitson then inquired about a job description for Anthony Allen and about when time clocks were to be placed in the recycling centers. Mr. Bennett stated that Mr. Allen was in charge of all trash and recycling operations and that the time clocks had been ordered from our supplier. The Board next discussed the number of personnel at the Toe River Campground and if there were going to be as many as in previous years. Mr. Bennett stated that there should not be as many staff as in years past at the campground. Commissioner Whitson then inquired about the Emergency Management Director position. Mr. Bennett stated that this position was being held open until a possible internal move was explored. Discussion followed about the internal move and it was decided that this might not be the best course of action. Mr. Bennett then said he would schedule interviews for the Emergency Management Director later in the month. Commissioner Whitson also mentioned the Charters of Freedom monument and coordinating volunteers for the landscaping and site preparation for the monuments. County Manager Nathan Bennett also mentioned to the Board that a dedication event was being planned for Cane River Park for the 13<sup>th</sup> of May.

**Shared Leave Request**

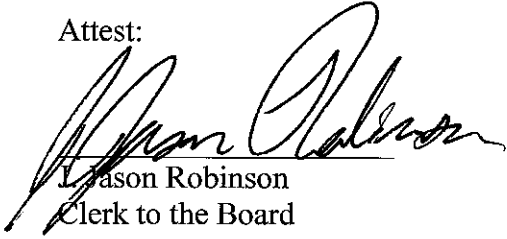
County Manager Nathan Bennett then informed the Board that an employee had exhausted all of their leave time, was facing extended time out of work and was asking for shared leave. There had been a number of employees who were willing to give shared leave. Mr. Bennett stated that he was authorized to grant up to two pay periods but any more than that had to be approved by the Board, up to 6 additional weeks. Upon hearing from Mr. Bennett, Commissioner Whitson made a motion to approve the shared leave request and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to approve was unanimous.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business Commissioner Stallings made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

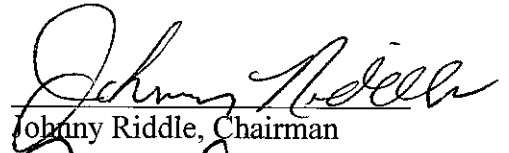
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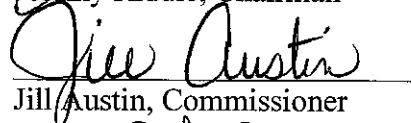
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Mason Robinson  
Clerk to the Board

(county seal)

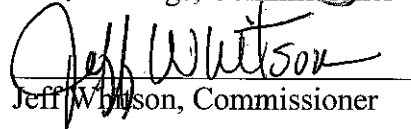


  
Johnny Riddle, Chairman

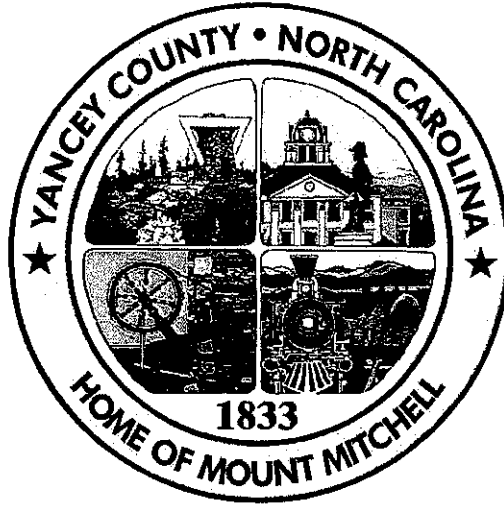
  
Jill Austin, Commissioner

  
Mark Ledford, Commissioner

  
John Stallings, Commissioner

  
Jeff Whitson, Commissioner

*Attachment A*



AGENDA  
YANCEY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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- I. Call to Order - Chairman Riddle
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. General Discussion of General County Operations and Services
- IV. Adjourn