

Minutes 9 December 2008
Regular Business Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners
Held at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the Yancey County Courtroom
Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina

Present at the 9 December 2008 regular business meeting of the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners were Walter Savage, Chairman, Members Johnny Riddle and Jerri Storie, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Jody Higgins, J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board, and members of the general public.

Chairman Savage called the meeting to order and proceeded to inform all of those in attendance that it was his intention to have a local pastor from a church in Yancey County to give an invocation before each meeting. No pastor was able to be contacted for this meeting and Chairman Savage asked for a moment of silence.

The Board then moved to the business of the meeting by adopting the agenda that had been presented by the County Manager. Chairman Savage entertained a motion that the agenda be approved as presented Commissioner Storie moved to accept the agenda and Commissioner Riddle seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The Board then moved to the public comment period of the meeting. Chairman Savage reminded all those who wanted to speak of the new public comment regulations. Peter Franklin addressed the Board about Board of Social Services appointments and other matters related to the Department of Social Services. Tamera Frank spoke about the concern of limiting public comment and a request to be notified of all future meetings of the Board of Commissioners. December Harris spoke about how many members were now on the Board of Social Services and how to address who was on the Board of Social Services.

The Board then proceeded to old business. First was the approval of the minutes of the 1 December 2008 special meeting of the Board. Chairman Savage entertained a motion that the minutes be approved as drafted. Commissioner Riddle moved to accept the motion and Commissioner Storie seconded the motion. The motion was accepted with an unanimous vote.

The Board then heard from County Manager Nathan Bennett about a landfill operation agreement from Mitchell County. Bennett informed the Board that the previous Board of Commissioners had approved an operations agreement with Mitchell County but that Mitchell County was concerned it had never went before the Board of Commissioners because the Chairman's signature was stamped on a document. Bennett recommended that the Board ratify this operations agreement with Mitchell County. Commissioner Storie made a motion that the operations agreement with Mitchell County be ratified and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Riddle. The motion was unanimously approved. (See Attachment A)

The Board then moved to new business and heard from Michelle Ball with the High Country Council of Government about Yancey County's selection for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Scattered Site Program. The program gives the County \$400,000 for rehabilitation of homes within the community. Ms. Ball informed the Board that action would be needed to approve all of the documentation required for the grant. Chairman Savage entertained a motion to approve all of the documentation required for the fulfillment of the grant. Commissioner Riddle moved to accept the motion and Commissioner Storie seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Documents relative to the CDBG Scattered Site Program follow the minutes. (See Attachment B)

The Board then heard from Daniel Barron, the Director of the Regional Library System for Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties. Mr. Barron reported to the Board that he would only be giving quarterly reports and that he would appear once per year before the Board unless he is needed for any other reasons. Mr. Barron also asked the Board to support the move of the Yancey County Library from its present location to the

new building. Commissioner Storie commended the library staff for the wonderful job that they do. Chairman Savage pledged support for the library.

The Board then heard from Loretta Robinson, Board of Election Supervisor, about the need for more office space for the Board of Elections. Chairman Savage also spoke of the need for more space, as a former Chairman of the Board of Elections. Chairman Savage continued that there might be possible office space available beside the Yancey Common Times Journal. The Board took the issue under advisement.

The Board proceeded to a presentation by Mr. Jeff Westbrook who has been a contractor with the Yancey County Tax Assessor's Office. The previous Board of Commissioners had contracted with Mr. Westbrook to do appraisal work after the new reappraisal. Mr. Westbrook informed the Board that he had been working under an oral contract since the first of November and that he had brought in several thousand dollars for the county. He stated that the staff in the Tax Appraisal Office was doing a lot of work but that they had limited knowledge of the real estate market. He recommended that a certified appraiser needs to be on staff in the Tax Appraisal Office. Mr. Westbrook was compensated \$1000 per week. The Board took the proposal by Mr. Westbrook under advisement.

The Board then moved to the holiday schedule for 2009. Commissioner Storie moved to approve the holiday schedule and Commissioner Riddle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the holiday schedule was approved. (See Attachment C)

The Board was then advised by County Manager Bennett that there needs to be a budget amendment for the Cooperative Extension Service. One of the grants obtained by the Cooperative Extension called Save Our Schools had additional monies but another grant called Career Smarts School Enrichment grant was completely cut. There needs to be a budget amendment to move money from one grant to another. Commissioner Riddle moved to approve the Budget amendment and Commissioner Storie seconded. The motion was approved unanimously. (See Attachment D)

The Board then moved to personnel issues. The County Manager advised the Board that the present Emergency Management Coordinator, Junior McIntyre, turned in his equipment the previous Friday and that he had been advised of this by Bill Davis, E911 Coordinator. The County Manager recommended that the Board appoint Bill Davis as the Interim Emergency Management Coordinator and that Derek Murphy be appointed as Interim Assistant Emergency Management Coordinator. The County Manager also asked the Board to appoint him as Assistant Clerk to the Board in the event that the Clerk to the Board is not able to attend meetings. Commissioner Riddle made a motion to appoint Mr. Davis and Mr. Murphy as Interim Emergency Management Coordinator and Interim Assistant Management Coordinator, respectively. Commissioner Storie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Commissioner Storie then motioned to have Nathan Bennett be appointed as Assistant Clerk to the Board. Commissioner Riddle seconded the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

The Board then moved to refund and releases from the Yancey County Tax Department. Commissioner Storie moved to accept the refund and releases and it was seconded by Chairman Savage. The motion was approved unanimously. (See Att. E)

The Board then proceeded to the issue of the Department of Social Services request to purge financial records. The County Manager advised the Board that he had reviewed the records to be purged and advised the Board to approve this action. After questions by citizens Commissioner Riddle made a motion to approve the purging of these documents and Commissioner Storie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously. (See Attachment F)

The Board then moved to the meeting date change of the regular business meetings of the Commissioners. Chairman Savage entertained a motion to change the regular business meeting day of the Board of County Commissioners to the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. and instruct the Clerk to make all necessary postings and advertisements as allowed by North Carolina General Statute 153A-40. Commissioner

Storie made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Riddle. The motion was approved unanimously.

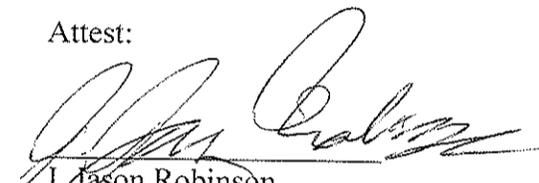
The Board was then advised by the County Manager that the Western Highlands Fiscal Monitoring Report must be submitted to each county for each quarter who participates in the Western Highlands Mental Health partnership. Commissioner Riddle made a motion to accept the fiscal monitoring report and Commissioner Storie seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board then proceeded to the issue of Committee and Board Assignments that are required for the Commissioners or their designee to be appointed to represent Yancey County. Commissioner Riddle made a motion to accept the Committee and Board Assignments as presented and was seconded by Commissioner Storie. The vote was unanimous.

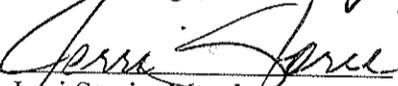
Having no further business Commissioner Storie moved to adjourn and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Riddle. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approved and authenticated on this the 6th day of January 2009.

Attest:


J. Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board


Walter Savage, Chairman


Jerri Storie, Member


Johnny Riddle, Member

(county seal)





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RESOLUTION

Change of Meeting Day for Regular Business Meetings of the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners

Whereas the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners desire to have a convenient meeting time for as many citizens as possible to attend the regular business meeting of the Board and

Whereas North Carolina General Statute 153A-40 allows County Boards of Commissioners to change the meeting day of their regular business meetings

Now Therefore be it hereby Resolved that the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners does hereby establish the meeting day for its regular business meeting to be the first Tuesday of each month at 7:00 o'clock p.m. commencing on January 6, 2009

Adopted by the Board on this the 9th day of December 2008 and signed on this the
23rd day of December 2008.

Walter E. Savage, Chairman

Attest:

J. Jason Robinson, Clerk to the Board