

**Minutes of the September 28, 2023  
Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners  
Held at 5:00pm in the Commissioners Meeting Room  
Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina**

Present at the meeting held September 28, 2023 were Chairman Jeff Whitson, Commissioner David Grindstaff, Commissioner Stacey McEntyre Greene Commissioner Mark Ledford, Commissioner Sandi Norton, County Manager Lynn Austin, County Attorney Donny Laws and Clerk to the Board Morgan West. Also present were members of the public.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Whitson called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Whitson asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include a closed session for Economic Development: Little Leaf in accordance to NC Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(5). Commissioner Norton made the motion to amend the agenda, Commissioner Greene seconded the motion.

Commissioner Whitson asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda with Commissioner Greene making the motion, Commissioner Norton seconded the motion. By unanimous vote, the agenda was approved. (Attachment A)

**Yancey County Public Transportation Facility**

County Manager Austin presented the three bids they received from the bid opening for the new Yancey County Transportation Facility, including the one bid that was incomplete and was not accepted. Brantley Construction was the lowest bidder, and is now in the post bid phase, doing due diligence. County Manager Austin further stated she had spoken with Brantley personally regarding concerns of timeline for completion of the project, considering there were other projects that were behind, but the project manager reassured them the other project delays were not due to any direct fault of theirs. County Manager asked for permission to discuss contracts going forward with Brantley Construction. Commissioner Grindstaff made a motion, with Commissioner Norton seconding the motion, and unanimously the vote carried.

**Sheriff Department Equipment**

Sheriff Hilliard presented the quote from Axon Enterprise, Inc regarding twelve new tasers for patrolling deputies, because the ones they currently have are aging out and equipment is unable to be ordered for the old ones. The contract will be for five years with the total cost of maintenance, batteries and software included in the \$55,361.64 and payments due yearly until paid in full. The quote is good through tomorrow to enter in a contract and Sheriff Hilliard asked the Board to consider this offer and allow them to enter the contract for the tasers. Commissioner Norton made the motion to approve, with Commissioner Grindstaff seconding the motion, unanimously the vote carried.

Commissioner Mark Ledford entered the meeting.

**Economic Development: Little Leaf Update**

Next, County Manager Austin gave a brief update of Little Leaf Farms. Further information regarding those offers cannot be discussed at this time. Chairman Whitson asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NC Gen. Stat. §143-318.11(a)(5) to discuss proposed contracts regarding the economic development project Little Leaf Farms. Commissioner Greene made a motion to go into closed session, with Commissioner Norton seconding the motion. The Board voted unanimously to enter closed session. Commissioner Grindstaff made a motion to leave closed session and reenter open session. Commissioner

Greene seconded the motion. By unanimous vote the Board voted to reenter open session. The Board did not take any action during closed session.

**Adjournment**

Having no further business, Commissioner Ledford made the motion to adjourn with Commissioner Norton seconding the motion. The Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to adjourn.

Approved and authenticated this the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of October 2023.

  
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Jeff Whitson, Chairman

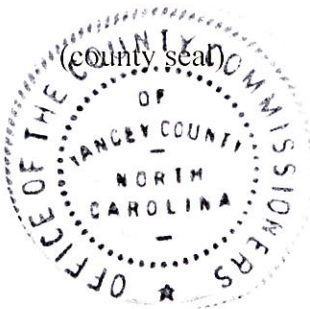
  
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David Grindstaff, Vice Chairman

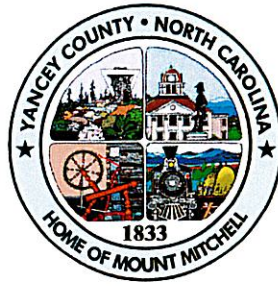
  
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Stacey McEntyre Greene, Commissioner

  
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Morgan West, Clerk to the Board

  
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Mark Ledford, Commissioner

  
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Sandi Norton, Commissioner





Attachment A

**AGENDA  
YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2022  
5:00 PM**

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Jeff Whitson**
- II. Approval of the Agenda**
- III. Consideration of bid approval for Transit Building**
- IV. Consideration of contract for Sheriff Department Equipment**
- V. Economic Development: Little Leaf Update**
- VI. Adjourn**