

**Minutes of the 3 August 2011
Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners
Held at 4:00 o'clock p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room
Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina**

Present at the 3 August 2011 meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners were Chairman Johnny Riddle, Commissioner Jill Austin, Commissioner Dale England, Commissioner Michele Presnell, Commissioner Marvin Holland, County Manager Nathan Bennett, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, Special County Attorney David Etheridge and members of the media.

Call to Order and Approval of Agenda

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

Tax Appeal

In order to confer with the Mr. Etheridge, Chairman Riddle asked for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) for conferring with the special county attorney concerning pending litigation involving Mountain Air Country Club, Settler's Edge, LLC, and Mountain Air Development Corporation, LLC. The motion was made by Commissioner Holland and seconded by Commissioner Presnell. The vote to go into closed session was unanimous.

Upon coming out of closed session Commissioner Presnell made a motion to recess until August 15, 2011 at 5:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Austin and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Riddle reconvened the recessed meeting at 5:00 pm on August 15, 2011. At this time Chairman Riddle, Commissioner Holland, and Commissioner Austin were present. Having not heard any new reports from the special county attorney Commissioner Holland made a motion to recess until August 29, 2011 at 4:00 pm. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Austin and the vote to approve was unanimous.

Chairman Riddle reconvened the recessed meeting at 4:00 pm on August 29, 2011. At this time Chairman Riddle, Commissioner Austin, Commissioner Holland, and Commissioner Presnell were present. Commissioner Holland made a motion to amend the agenda to include discussion of an agricultural center by Cooperative Extension Director Tres Magner and a request from Finance Officer Brandi Burleson. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Austin and the vote to approve was unanimous. Mr. Magner wanted to give the Board an update on the possibilities of an agricultural center for the county. Mr. Magner stated that money is still needed to complete the feasibility study. Also, several sites have been looked at to house the facility. Discussion followed about the pros and cons of each facility. Mr. Magner also updated the Board about potential grants that could be a possibility in the future for the project. He also informed the Board about the next steps in the process, which could include trainings and site selection. The Board next heard from Mrs. Brandi Burleson about a request for funding from a nonprofit child care facility. Mrs. Burleson was directed to do a budget amendment to bring before the Board.

Upon hearing from Mrs. Burleson, Commissioner Holland made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) for conferring with the special county attorney concerning pending litigation involving Mountain Air Country Club, Settler's Edge, LLC, and Mountain Air Development Corporation, LLC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Austin and the vote to go into closed session was unanimous.

The Board then came out of closed session.

Adjournment

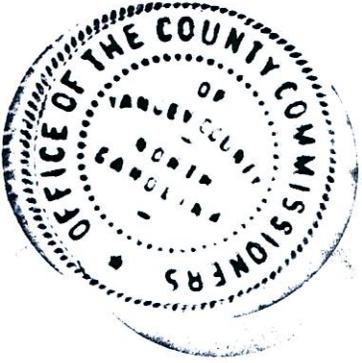
Having no further business Commissioner Holland made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Commissioner Austin. The vote to adjourn was unanimous.

Approved and authenticated on this the _____ 6th _____ day of September 2011.

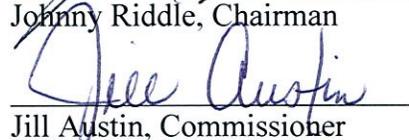
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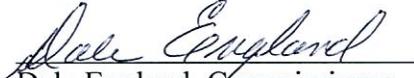

J. Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board

(county seal)




Johnny Riddle, Chairman


Jill Austin, Commissioner


Dale England, Commissioner


Michele Presnell, Commissioner


Marvin Holland, Commissioner

Attachment A

COUNTY MANAGER
Nathan Bennett



COMMISSIONERS
Jill Austin
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Johnny Riddle

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AGENDA
YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
August 3, 2011
4:00 P.M.

- I. Call to Order – Chairman Johnny Riddle
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Tax Department Matters and Discussion of Pending Property Tax Appeals
- IV. Adjourn