

Minutes 27 January 2009
Special Meeting of the Yancey County Board of Commissioners
Held at 3:15 p.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room
Yancey County Courthouse, Burnsville, North Carolina

The Yancey County Board of Commissioners met in special session on January 27, 2009. Present at the meeting were Chairman Walter Savage, Commissioners Jerri Storie and Johnny Riddle, County Manager Nathan Bennett, County Planner Jamie McMahan, Finance Director Lynne Hensley, Clerk to the Board Jason Robinson, Comprehensive Recreation Grounds Director Jeff Howell, Director of Planning for High Country Council of Government Phil Trew, Jody Higgins, and members of the general public.

Chairman Savage called the meeting to order. Following the opening an invocation was provided by Commissioner Riddle. Chairman Savage informed the audience that the reason for the special meeting was the time constraints for making applications for various grants to develop the Comprehensive Recreation Grounds. Chairman Savage then entertained a motion for the approval of the agenda. Commissioner Storie made said motion and was seconded by Commissioner Riddle and was approved unanimously.

The first order of business was the grant to the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund(PARTF). Jeff Howell spoke to the Commissioners about the application for the PARTF grant. He stated that time was of the essence as the application is due in Raleigh by February 2, 2009. He informed the Board that the grant requires a dollar for dollar match on the County's part. The application being made is for a total requesting \$700,000 of which the County's part would be \$350,000. This grant would be used to develop the Comprehensive Recreation Grounds on Whittington Road to include site preparation, roads, parking lots, field construction, and other property improvements for recreation purposes. Chairman Savage entertained a motion that the County apply for the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, approve all supporting documentation, and affirm the County's obligation to provide the required match. The motion was made by Commissioner Storie and seconded by Commissioner Riddle. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Board then heard from Philip Trew, Director of Planning for the High Country Council of Government. Mr. Trew presented to the Board a proposal for grant application to the National Recreational Trails Program for trail development at the Comprehensive Recreation Grounds. The grant would be in the amount of \$25,000 and would require a \$6,250 match from the County. Mr. Trew also informed the Board that this grant was due on February 2, 2009. After hearing from Mr. Trew, Chairman Savage entertained a motion for the County to apply for the \$25,000 grant from the National Recreational Trails Program. The motion was made by Commissioner Riddle and was seconded by Commissioner Storie. The vote was unanimous.

The Board then heard from County Planner Jamie McMahan about another grant opportunity from the Clean Water Trust Fund. This opportunity was made known to the county by Cliff Vinson of Blue Ridge RC&D. It would be a grant to help defer the cost of the Comprehensive Recreation Grounds (CRG) and could be used as part of Phase II of the CRG. Mr. McMahan further told the Board that the grant would help pay for things that the county was already obligated to do as part of the North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant. The Clean Water Trust Fund grant would be for \$50,000 and would require a 10% match from the County. This grant would be for a study for the permitting and design engineering of the CRG. After this initial grant the County would need to apply for an additional one million dollar grant for further development. Mr. McMahan indicated that the County would be able to leverage more PARTF money with this Clean Water Trust Fund grant. After brief discussion by the Board, Chairman Savage entertained a motion to move forward with the application to the Clean Water Trust Fund grant. Commissioner Storie moved to approve the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Riddle. The vote was unanimous.

The next issue before the Board was an appointment to the Workforce Development Board. Chairman Savage indicated that the Board wasn't sure if the person who was going to serve on this board had been contacted and would be willing to serve. Chairman Savage entertained a motion to table this agenda item. The motion was made by Commissioner Storie and was seconded by Commissioner Riddle. The vote was unanimous.

The Board then moved to the closed session portion of the agenda. Chairman Savage entertained a motion to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a) (3) (6) for the discussion of personnel matters and advice of council concerning pending litigation of Franklin and Frank versus the Yancey County Board of Commissioners. The motion was made by Commissioner Storie and was seconded by Commissioner Riddle. The vote was unanimous.

The Board came out of closed session and having no further business Commissioner Storie made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Riddle and the vote was unanimous.

Approved and authenticated on this the 3rd day of February 2009.

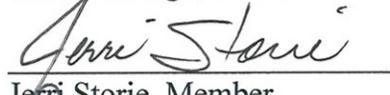
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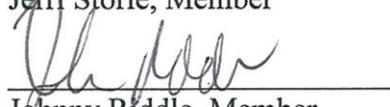
J. Jason Robinson
Clerk to the Board



Walter Savage, Chairman



Jerri Storie, Member



Johnny Riddle, Member

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