

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Board Room, Avery County Administrative Complex, 175 Linville Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel matters which would necessitate a closed session pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) and take any action necessary.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Blake Vance, Vice-Chair; Faith Lacey; Wood Hall Young, Jr.

Members Absent: Tim Phillips (illness)

**Call To Order**

Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Closed Session**

**Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Blake Vance to go into a time of Closed Session at 2:02 p.m. regarding Personnel N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6).**

**Motion unanimously approved with those in attendance (4-0). Invitees are the Board, Clerk, County Manager, County Attorney and other personnel as needed.**

**Chair Hicks declared the meeting to be back in Regular Session at 3:11 p.m. after a time of Closed Session. During Closed Session, no vote was taken.**

Wood Hall Young, Jr. thanked Tim Greene for the fine job as county manager and finance officer that he has done. He is a fine man. You will be missed. I want you to know that I appreciate you and your service to the county and people of Avery County.

**Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Blake Vance to appoint Cindy Turbyfill as assistant county manager concurrent with Clerk to the Board effectively immediately. Motion unanimous with those in attendance (4-0).**

Blake Vance stated that Tim Greene has been an asset to this county. He has done a tremendous job. He is a good man. We are losing a tremendous asset.

**Motion by Blake Vance and second by Wood Hall Young, Jr. to make Phillip Barrier, Jr. Interim County Manager effective May 1, 2017 concurrent with his role as Tax Administrator through the end of the fiscal year. Motion unanimously approved with those in attendance (4-0).**

Tim Greene stated that he thought the Board had made two very good decisions today. This will make the transition very smooth. I do thank the Board members.

Phillip Barrier, Jr. thanked the Board for the vote of confidence. I am honored to serve the people of Avery County.

**Adjourn**

**Motion by Blake Vance and second by Wood Hall Young, Jr. to adjourn this meeting at 3:23 p.m. Motion unanimously approved with those in attendance (4-0).**

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**Martha Hicks, Chair  
Avery County Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk