

MINUTES
Town of Marshall Board of Alderman
Special Meeting
January 8, 2024
5:15 p.m.

Mayor Haynie called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

In attendance were Mayor Aaron Haynie, Aldermen Billie Jean Haynie, Thomas Jablonski, Aileen Payne, Christiaan Ramsey, and Laura Ponder Smith. Also in attendance were Town Administrator Forrest Gilliam and Attorney Larry Leake.

Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator, presented the final draft of the proposed Interlocal Agreement between the Town of Marshall, Town of Mars Hill, and County of Madison for the construction of a waterline between the two town's systems. The agreement states that the connection is to provide water to either town in the event of a water shortage emergency, provided the Town supplying the additional water has sufficient capacity to spare. The Interlocal Agreement reflects the verbal agreement for the emergency connection that was made by the three entities in November, 2022, and continued meetings since that time at the staff and board levels.

The Interlocal Agreement is necessary as part of the design, permitting, and construction process for the waterline and associated infrastructure. Funding for the project comes from a 2021 North Carolina General Assembly appropriation of \$12 million in Federal American Rescue Plan Act funds to Madison County the water interconnection.

Upon motion by Alderman Jablonski, seconded by Alderman Smith, the Board voted 5-0 to authorize the Mayor to execute the Interlocal Agreement for Installation, Operation and Maintenance of a Water System Interconnection Along NC 213 Between Madison County, the Town of Marshall, and the Town of Mars Hill.

Upon motion by Alderman Ramsey, seconded by Alderman Jablonski, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn at 5:27 p.m.



Aaron P. Haynie, Mayor



Forrest Gilliam, Town Administrator