

September 7, 2011

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on Wednesday, September 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Martin County Governmental Center at 305 East Main Street, Williamston, North Carolina.

ASSEMBLY

Chairman Elmo “Butch” Lilley, Vice Chairman Tommy W. Bowen, Commissioner Ronnie Smith, Commissioner Derek Price, Commissioner Bob Hyman, Interim County Manager Jack Williford, County Attorney J. Melvin Bowen, and Clerk to the Board Marion B. Thompson.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lilley. Elected officials were recognized and all were welcomed to the meeting.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Price. The invocation was offered by Commissioner Bowen.

AGENDA APPROVAL

These items were recommended as additions to the agenda by Chairman Lilley: Consent Agenda- August 2011 Financial Report; New Business – Approval of SAIC Debris Monitoring Contract & Amendment to Roberson Debris Management and Removal Service; a Letter to Congressman G. K. Butterfield.

Commissioner Smith introduced a MOTION, with a SECOND by Vice Chairman Bowen to approve the agenda with the additions. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Chairman Lilley encouraged public comments but no one responded.

CONSENT AGENDA

Vice Chairman Bowen introduced a MOTION, with a SECOND by Commissioner Price to approve the following consent agenda items as presented. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

1. **Minutes** for August 10, 2011, Regular & Closed Sessions; August 22, 2011 Special Called & Closed Sessions; August 23, 2011 Special Called & Closed Sessions
2. **Financial Report** for August 2011 for informational purpose only.
3. **Tax Relief Orders** for August 2011 in the amount of \$2,392.07.

Year	Levy	Lname	Fname	Remarks	Value	Total
2011		Biggs	Jane	Bill of Sale	2,700	19.44
2011		Bowen	Irvin H	Error in Value	7,500	54.00
2011		Hardison	Jerry E	High Milage	3,400	24.48
2011		Parker	Rose W	High Milage	475	3.42
2011		Atkinson	Mildred	Error in Landfill Fee		162.00
2011		Bonds	Cecil Bradford	Error in Landfill Fee		162.00
2011		Copeland	Carl E	Error in Landfill Fee		162.00
2011		Harrell	Angela Donell	Error in Landfill Fee		162.00
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2011		Lee	Franky Stokes	Error in Landfill Fee		162.00
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2011		Moore	Ernest Jr	Error in Listing	19,290	291.24
2011		Rives	Brenda S.	Error in Value	44,550	298.49
2011		Savage	Michael Douglas	Error in Landfill Fee		81.00
2011		Wynne	Leon W. Jr	Error in Landfill Fee		324.00
2011		Wynne	Leon W. Jr	Error in Landfill Fee		162.00
					Total	2,392.07

4. Tax Refund Request – Ms. Brenda Rives

Ms. Brenda Rives requested a refund for years 2006-2010 because her home was listed with 4,906 sq' when it actually has 3,542 sq' due to an unfinished attic. Tax Assessor Hilton Edmondson has verified the validity of Ms. Rives' request and recommended granting a refund of \$1,386.95 based on NC G. S. §105-381 (1).

5. Tax Collector's Report for August 2011.

	Property Taxes	Property Taxes	MV Taxes	Mv Taxes
Month	Month to Date	Year to Date	Month to Date	Year to Date
Aug-11	1,471,214.92	1,904,445.54	86,341.40	168,900.85

6. 2011 Southern Albemarle Association Delegates

By approval of the consent agenda, the following persons were appointed 2011 Southern Albemarle Association Delegates: Ms. Charlotte Bowen, Mrs. Lula Council, Mr. Herman Daniels, Mrs. Ann Britt, Mrs. Barbara Cotton, Ms. Tina P. Manning, Ms. Libby Jenkins, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Powell, Mr. Tommy Roberson, Mr. Junious J. Horton, Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Harrell, Mr. & Mrs. George Matthews, Mr. Bob Hyman, Mr. Thomas Chavis, Mr. Butch & Becky Lilley, Mr. & Mrs. James Batchelor, Mr. Reginald Speight, Mr. & Mrs. Moses Matthews, Ms. Beulah Bennett, Ms. & Mr. Don Grady, Mr. & Mrs. Dempsey Bond, Jr., Mr. & Mrs. Dan & Amy Gibbs, Mr. Eric Pearson, Mr. & Mrs. Henry Wilson, Ms. Tonya C. Leggett, Mr. Reid Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Steve Wolfe, Mr. Tommy Bowen, Mr. Derek Price, Mr. Ronnie Smith, Mr. Alphonzo Perry, Mr. Jack Williford, Mr. Ray Deans, Mr. Milton Bennett, Jr., Mr. John H. Gurganus, and Mr. & Mrs. Brad Sommerer.

7. Approve Records Retention & Disposition Schedule

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 121 and 132 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, the Board was asked to approve the records retention and disposition schedule and retention periods governing the records series for Register of Deeds, County Sheriff's Office and the Veterans Office.

8. Approve Revisions to Article V – Retiree Health Insurance

Interim County Manager Jack Williford requested the Board approve revisions to Article V, Section 2-C, Retiree Health Insurance listed below.

- C. For all County Commissioners elected prior to September 1, 2011, the County of Martin offers hospitalization coverage either through the County's group hospitalization or Medicare Supplement. The amount of premium paid by the Commissioner is determined by the years of service as an active County Commissioner to Martin County.
1. Commissioners with 10 years and less than 16 years of active service with Martin County, the County will pay 66% of the premium as would be paid for an active permanent employee or 66% of a Medicare supplement.
 2. Commissioners with 16 years and less than 20 years of active service with Martin County, the county will pay 75% of the premium as would be paid for an active permanent employee or 75% of a Medicare supplement.
 3. Commissioners with 20 years or more of active service with Martin County, the County will pay 100% of the premium or 100% of a Medicare supplement.

(Approved 3-10-99 by the Board of Commissioners to be effective retroactive to October 1, 1998.) (Section C. Amended 12-6-04, 2-24-05, 02-9-11, 07-13-11 & 09-07-11.)

- 9. Clerk's Report** included each month for informational purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

Transit Director Betty Jo Keel introduced full-time Transit Driver Ms Sharon Enoch to the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Enoch had been working as part-time Transit Driver for some time.

PRESENTATIONS

East Carolina Behavioral Health Update

As required by Statue, the Quarterly Fiscal Monitoring Report was presented for June 30, 2011. East Carolina Behavioral Health COO Leza Wainwright gave an overview of the financial report but it was inconclusive due to auditing.

ECBH COO Wainwright briefed the Board on legislature changes scheduled to take effective June 30, 2013. ECBH has plans to implement the new regulations by April 2012. With the new

regulations, ECBH will have the authority to set rates and the ability to set the number of providers for different services.

One hundred and twenty (120), mostly field base positions, will be hired by ECBH between now and Christmas. Commissioner Smith, ECBH Board representative, stated the jobs will be listed with the Employment Security Commission and that it had been discussed to concentrate hiring within the ECBH nineteen county areas and hopefully, to level the minority and majority presence with these positions. ECBH COO Wainwright added the East Carolina University and Elizabeth State University had been contacted about these positions being a lot of them require a graduate degree.

Chairman Lilley asked whether consumer needs are being met. ECBH COO Wainwright responded for the most part they are. Due to economic conditions, rural areas and sparsely populated areas needs are more.

Briefing in Hurricane Irene/FEMA – Designations

Emergency Director Mike Stalls gave a brief update on FEMA and county designations. E/M Director Stalls stated preliminary estimates may increase once FEMA assessment is done. As of the meeting, Martin County had been declared a disaster for public assistance (A-G) and individual assistance. People are encouraged to preregister which may be done online at fema.com.

Words of gratitude were expressed to the Baptist Men Association, American Red Cross, EOC staff, Utility workers, and the many unnamed, countless volunteers who came together and rendered their service before, during, and who continue to contribute to their community in the aftermath of Hurricane Irene.

PUBLIC HEARING – ROAP Application

Transit Director Betty Jo Keel stated the Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) is an annual grant to service the county citizens. The amount allotted has been cut by 25% over last year.

At 7:31 p.m., a MOTION to enter the Public Hearing for the ROAP application was made by Commissioner Price, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Bowen. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

When Commissioner Smith asked how the reduction would affect the overall program, Transit Director Keel responded that it may cause fares to increase. Those riding pay 11% of the cost. It would affect those in the poverty level more. Commissioner Smith recommended the Board monitor the program for the need to supplement the cost in the future.

At 7:41, Vice Chairman made the MOTION to end the Public Hearing, with a SECOND from Commissioner. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Approve Grant Application Submittal

Commissioner Smith made the MOTION to approval the ROAP grant application, SECOND by Commissioner Hyman. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

CERTIFIED STATEMENT

FY 2012

RURAL OPERATING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

County of Martin

WHEREAS, the state-funded, formula-based Rural Operating Assistance Program (ROAP) administered by the North Carolina Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division provides funding for the operating cost of passenger trips and for other transportation services for counties within the state;

WHEREAS, the county uses the most recent transportation plans (i.e. CTSP, CTIP, LCP) available and other public involvement strategies to learn about the transportation needs of agencies and individuals in the county before determining the sub-allocation of these ROAP funds;

WHEREAS, the county government or regional public transportation authorities created pursuant to Article 25 or Article 26 of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes (upon written agreement with the municipalities or counties served) are the only eligible recipient of Rural Operating Assistance Program funds which are allocated to the counties based on a formula as described in the Program Guidelines included in the ROAP application. NCDOT will disburse the ROAP funds only to counties and eligible transportation authorities and not to any sub-recipients selected by the county;

WHEREAS, the county finance officer will be considered the county official accountable for the administration of the Rural Operating Assistance Program in the county, unless otherwise designated by the Board of County Commissioners;

WHEREAS, the passenger trips and transportation services provided with ROAP funds must be accessible to individuals with disabilities and be provided without discrimination on the basis of national origin, creed, age, race or gender (FTA C 4702.1A, FTA C 4704.1, Americans with Disabilities Act 1990); and

WHEREAS, the period of performance for these funds will be July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 regardless of the date on which ROAP funds are disbursed to the county.

NOW, THEREFORE, by signing below, the duly authorized representatives of the County of Martin North Carolina certify that the following statements are true and accurate:

- The county employed a documented methodology for sub-allocating ROAP funds that involved the participation of eligible agencies and citizens. Outreach efforts to include the participation of the elderly and individuals with disabilities, persons with limited English proficiency, minorities and low income persons in the county's sub-allocation decision have been documented.
- The county will advise any sub-recipients about the source of the ROAP funds, specific program requirements and restrictions, eligible program expenses and reporting requirements. The county will be responsible for invoicing any sub-recipients for unexpended ROAP funds as needed.

- The county will monitor ROAP funded services routinely to verify that ROAP funds are being spent on allowable activities and that the eligibility of service recipients is being properly documented. The county will maintain records of trips and services for five years that prove that an eligible citizen was provided an eligible service or trip on the billed date, by whatever conveyance at the specified cost.
- The county will be responsible for monitoring the safety, quality and cost of ROAP funded services and assures that any procurements by subrecipients for contracted services will follow state guidelines.
- The county will conduct regular evaluations of ROAP funded passenger trips and transportation services provided throughout the period of performance.
- The county will only use the ROAP funds to provide trips and other transportation services when other funding sources are not available for the same purpose or the other funding sources for the same purpose have been completely exhausted.
- The county assures that the required matching funds for the FY2012 ROAP can be generated from fares and/or provided from local funds.
- The county will notify the Mobility Development Specialist assigned to the county if any ROAP funded services are discontinued before the end of the period of performance due to the lack of funding. No additional ROAP funds will be available.
- The county manager will provide written assurance to the Public Transportation Division that the employment transportation needs in the county have been met prior to transferring any Employment Transportation Program (EMPL) funds. The letter will describe the process used to make this determination. Transfer of EMPL funds is prohibited if there are any unmet needs or service strategies in the Coordinated Public Transit – Human Services Transportation Plan that have not been addressed.
- The county will provide an accounting of trips, services and expenditures in semi-annual reports to NCDOT – Public Transportation Division or its designee.
- Any interest earned on the ROAP funds will be expended for eligible program uses as specified in the ROAP application. The County will include ROAP funds received and expended in its annual independent audit on the schedule of federal and state financial assistance. Funds passed through to other agencies will be identified as such.
- The county is applying for the following amounts of FY 2012 Rural Operating Assistance Program funds:

State-Funded Rural Operating Assistance Program	Allocated	Requested
Elderly & Disabled Transportation Assistance Program (EDTAP)	\$ 55,543	\$ 55,543
Employment Transportation Assistance Program (EMPL)	\$ 11,499	\$ 11,499
Rural General Public Program (RGP)	\$ 48,280	\$ 48,280
TOTAL	\$115,322	\$115,322

WITNESS my hand and county seal, this ____ day of _____, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS

Review the Hunting Laws in Martin County

Chairman Lilley began by stating that the hunting concerns of both sides had been recorded in the minutes at the public hearing (March 31, 2011). The State has implemented new laws that address many of the problems with hunting in Martin County. Chairman Lilley encouraged the hunting clubs to self monitor their activities. Hunting laws will be in the County Manager's office with the Clerk for pick-up or anyone may go online for the laws. (S.L.1955. C.1376, S. L. 1973, c.257, as amended by S. L. 1977, c.89, S. L. 1973, c.1002, S. L. 1977, c.636, S. L. 1979, c.568, S. L. 1979 (2nd Session, 1980), c.1154, S. L. 1989, c.810, S. L.2001-64, S. L. 2008-50-HB 2464, S. L. 2011-22-HD29 and S.L.2011-231- HB762) If there are any remaining issues, the Board will address them when the new congressional session begins. As promised, hunters will be notified. An advertisement will be in the local paper to notify the public of the guidelines in place.

Interim County Manager Jack Williford explained these key items in the laws obtained from his conversation with Sergeant Brad Stoop, NC Wildlife:

- Trees must be painted with purple paint vertically or posted signs must be 200 feet apart
- Must have written permission from the landowner or leasor
- Must have a club membership card and copy of the lease
- Turning a dog loose is hunting; do not have to have a gun, it's still considered hunting

Briefing on Fire Hydrants/Water Hydrants

In the last regular meeting, Interim County Manager Williford had been instructed by the Board to research the possibility of color coding the water hydrant for firefighting usage. Water District Manager Ed Warren stated water hydrants in the rural areas were designed mostly for operational purposes and testing not for fire protection. W/D Manager Warren added water hydrants can be designated but he cannot guarantee pressure will not drop. According to W/D Manager Warren, regulations state that pressure below 30 psi require State intervention, boiling of water, and lines being flushed.

It was W/D Manager Warren's opinion that with coordination between the fire department and the water department, this goal could be obtained with a minimum drop in pressure.

W/D Manager Warren recommended three possible options to implement so fire fighters could detect the most efficient hydrants for fire protection.

1. Mark or color-code by the size of the line
2. Fire flow testing - a time consuming and slow process usually done by the fire department, fire marshall or an ISO type person (there are approximately 200-225 hydrants in WD 1 & 2)
3. Use Rivers & Associates design model for water systems which will theoretically predict potential flow in area (preliminary estimate to obtain information \$5,000)

It was the consensus of the Board that W/D Manager Warren should secure a map with the location of all the water hydrants and come back to the Board with a plan.

NEW BUSINESS

September 11 Resolution

A Resolution Joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of the September 11 Terrorist Attacks on the United States was included for consideration of approval by the Board.

Vice Chairman Bowen made the MOTION to adopt the following resolution as presented, with a SECOND by Commissioner Hyman. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Resolution Joining the National Moment of Remembrance of the 10th Anniversary of the September 11 Terrorist Attacks on the United States

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners expresses their support of the United States Senate regarding coming together as a Nation and ceasing all work or other activity for a moment of remembrance beginning at 1:00 pm Eastern Daylight Time on September 11, 2011, in honor of the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks committed against the United States on September 11, 2001; and

WHEREAS, at 8:46 a.m. on September 11, 2001, the hijacked American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the upper portion of the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York City; and

WHEREAS, 17 minutes later, at 9:03 a.m., the hijacked United Airlines Flight 175 crashed into the South Tower of the World Trade Center; and

WHEREAS, at 9:37 a.m. the west wall of the Pentagon was hit by the hijacked American Airlines Flight 77. This impact caused immediate and catastrophic damage to the headquarters of the Department of Defense; and

WHEREAS, at approximately 10:00 a.m., the passengers and crew of hijacked United Airlines Flight 93 acted heroically to retake control of the airplane and thwart the loss of additional American lives by crashing the plane into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania and, in so doing, sacrificed their lives to save countless others; and

WHEREAS, a total of nearly 3,000 innocent civilians lost their lives in the attacks, and tens of thousands others narrowly escaped, and as witnesses to this tragedy, their lives are forever changed; and

WHEREAS, countless fire departments, police departments, first responders, government officials, civilian workers, emergency medical personnel and volunteers responded immediately and heroically to these horrific events, many suffering fatalities in their rescue efforts; and

WHEREAS, on the 10th anniversary of this tragic day, the citizens of Martin County join their fellow Americans and people around the world in remembrance of the victims of the attacks on September 11, 2001, and their thoughts are with the families and those left behind.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Martin County Board of Commissioners that it hereby recognizes September 11, 2011, as a day of solemn remembrance of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001; honors the heroic service, actions and sacrifices of the first responders and countless others who bravely risked and likewise often gave their lives during the rescue efforts; and offers its deepest and most sincere condolences to the families, friends and loved ones of the victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

ADOPTED this the 7th day of September, 2011.

Offer to Purchase – Mr. & Mrs. James & Ophelia Williams

Interim Manager Williford explained that on October 9, 1990, a deed had been prepared by the attorney for the sale of the parcel described in Deed Book P-13/at Page75 and R-21/ at Page 189, same as parcel #05-03667. Only two out of the four parties listed on the deed did not sign. Mr. James and Ophelia Williams did not sign. As a result, the County still maintained one half interest in the parcel. The attorney has agreed to refund all costs associated with this deed transaction. Mr. and Mrs. Williams have made an offer of \$500.00 for the County's one half interest.

After comments by Mr. Williams, Commissioner Smith made the MOTION, SECONDED by Vice Chairman Bowen to accept the \$500.00 offer to purchase the stated parcel. The motion was APPROVED unanimously by the Board.

The provisions of NC G. S. §160A-269 for a private sale will be followed as listed below. Attorney Bowen was instructed to proceed with the legal process.

160A-269. Negotiated offer, advertisement, and upset bids.

A city may receive, solicit, or negotiate an offer to purchase property and advertise it for upset bids. When an offer is made and the council proposes to accept it, the council shall require the offeror to deposit five percent (5%) of his bid with the city clerk, and shall publish a notice of the offer. The notice shall contain a general description of the property, the amount and terms of the offer, and a notice that within 10 days any person may raise the bid by not less than ten percent (10%) of the first one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and five percent (5%) of the remainder. When a bid is raised, the bidder shall deposit with the city clerk five percent (5%) of the increased bid, and the clerk shall readvertise the offer at the increased bid. This procedure shall be repeated until no further qualifying upset bids are received, at which time the council may accept the offer and sell the property to the highest bidder. The council may at any time reject any and all offers. (1971, c. 698, s. 1; 1979, 2nd Sess., c. 1247, s. 25.)

Budget Amendment #2

Interim County Manager Williford and Finance Officer Cindy Ange recommended the Board approve budget amendment #2 as presented below.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, North Carolina, that the following amendments be made to the annual budget ordinance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

Section 1. To amend the General Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows.

	Increase	Decrease
Other Human Services		
Office of Juvenile Justice	\$ 68,360	\$66,462
General Government		
Finance Office	\$ 750	

This will result in an increase of (\$2,648) in the expenditures of the General Fund. To provide an increase in revenue for the above, the following revenues will be changed.

Restricted	\$ 56,967	\$ 56,967
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$ 2,648	

Section 2. Copies of this budget amendment shall be furnished to the Clerk to the Governing Board and to the Finance Officer for their direction.

MOTION by Commissioner Smith and SECONDED by Commissioner Price to adopt the above budget ordinance amendment this 7th day of September, 2011. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Debris Monitoring Contract

On the recommendation of Interim County Manager Williford, E/M Director Mike Stalls and Finance Officer Cindy Ange, the Board was asked to approve the contract with SAIC to assist Roberson Construction, Inc. with disaster management and recovery monitoring services as a result of Hurricane Irene. Fees for SAIC services will be paid by FEMA. Due to the length of the contract, a copy will be on file in the County Manager's office.

Vice Chairman Bowen introduced the MOTION to approve the contract as presented, with a SECOND by Commissioner Price. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Amendments to Roberson Construction, Inc Debris Removal Contract

Changes in FEMA regulations noted in the monitoring by SAIC required the following amendments to the original debris removal contract to ensure the County recovers all costs incurred from FEMA.

Vice Chairman Bowen introduced the MOTION to approve the amended contract as presented, with a SECOND by Commissioner Price. The motion was unanimously APPROVED

Contract Amendment

Amendment Date – 9/07/2011

Contract Title – Debris Management and Removal Services

Contract Owner – Martin County, North Carolina

Pursuant to the Martin County, North Carolina (hereinafter called “County”) solicitation for debris management and reduction services, the County and it’s awarded contractor, Roberson Contracting, INC. (hereinafter called the “Contractor) have reached a mutually agreed upon amendment to the aforementioned contractual agreement.

Upon ratification of this amendment, the terms of payment to Line item number 9, Exhibit number 1, Contract page number 16 shall be changed from an escalating fee schedule based on size of dangerous hanging limb and paid for on a per-limb basis to a rate of \$65/Tree containing 1 (one) FEMA Eligible dangerous hanging limb over the public Right-of-Way and \$75/Tree containing 2 (two) or more FEMA Eligible dangerous hanging limb over the public Right-of-Way, regardless of size.

County Signature

Date

Roberson Contracting, INC. Signature

Date

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Upon ratification of this amendment, the terms of payment to Line item number 1, Exhibit number 1, Contract page number 15 as well as line item number 2, Exhibit Number 1, Contract page number 15 shall be changed from an escalating fee schedule based on mileage driven after collection to a flat rate of \$8.50/cubic yard of debris removed, regardless of distance to temporary disposal location.

Additionally, the Hourly Fee Schedule (Exhibit 2, Contract page number 18) will be eliminated from the contract and the Contractor will be paid for Vegetative and Construction & Demolition debris strictly on a cubic yardage schedule.

County Signature

Date

Roberson Contracting, INC Signature Date

Letter to Congressman G. K. Butterfield

Chairman Lilley recommended the Board forward a letter to Congressman Butterfield soliciting congressional support. Due to the shortage of FEMA funds, the appeal would be made to Congressman Butterfield to request that the federal government set aside an allotted amount of revenue for this area for Hurricane Irene disaster relief. It was the consensus of the Board that the letter should be sent to Congressman Butterfield.

BOARD REPORTS

Vice Chairman Bowen stated that the western part of the county has had no cablevision since the Hurricane Irene and that Crystal Broadband Cable Network did not seem to care.

Chairman Lilley asked Interim County Manager Williford to follow-up on the contract to see if the county could assist the residents with obtaining service.

Commissioner Smith recommended going with Direct TV or Dish Network. He stated there are too many options out there.

Around 9:00 p.m., Chairman Lilley called a recess.

CLOSED SESSION

PERSONNEL G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6)

Around 9:09 p.m., Commissioner Price made a MOTION, with a SECOND by Commissioner Smith to go into Closed Session according to NC G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6) Personnel. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Commissioner Price made a MOTION to end Closed Session around 9:59 p.m., with a SECOND by Commissioner Smith. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Open Session

No action was taken regarding closed session activities.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Price made the MOTION to adjourn at 10:00 p.m., with a SECOND by Commissioner Smith. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

The next regular meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Martin County Governmental Center, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, North Carolina.

Elmo "Butch" Lilley, Chairman

Marion B. Thompson, Clerk to the Board