

September 22, 2011

Special Meeting

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in Special Called Session on Thursday, September 22, 2011 at 6:00 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, Clerk to the Board Marion B. Thompson and County Attorney J. Melvin Bowen.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lilley. The pledge of allegiance was led by Commissioner Hyman. The invocation was offered by Commissioner Smith.

After the prayer, Commissioner Smith spoke about advice given by NCACC General Counselor Sharon Scudder about the use of the name Jesus while praying in relation to the pending litigation in Forsyth County. Ms. Scudder cautioned government entities that people of unknown origin are attending meetings to observe the usage of the name Jesus to use it against them in a court of law.

Chairman Lilley thanked Commissioner Smith for the warning but that he would continue to use Jesus in his prayers as he has always done.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

Consider Resolution of Support for Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) Application

Interim County Manager Jack Williford explained that the resolution was a requirement before the grant/loan application for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. Martin County ranked high enough as a Tier One county to qualify. The deadline will expire October 1, 2011. Once the grant/loan has been approved or granted a final decision will be needed by the Board on how to proceed. Interim County Manager Jack Williford recommended approving the following resolution.

Commissioner Smith made the MOTION to apply for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant/loan, with a SECOND by Vice Chairman Bowen. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

**RESOLUTION
BY MARTIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

WHEREAS, The Federal Safe Drinking Water Act Amendments of 1996 and the North Carolina Water Infrastructure Act of 2005 (NCGS 159G) have authorized the making of loans and grants to aid eligible units of government in financing the cost of construction of drinking water system improvements, and

WHEREAS, Martin County has need for and intends to construct a drinking water system project described as Water System Improvements, and

WHEREAS, Martin County intends to request state loan and grant assistance for the project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MARTIN COUNTY:

That Martin County, the **Applicant**, will arrange financing for all remaining costs of the project, if approved for a State loan award.

That the **Applicant** will adopt and place into effect on or before completion of the project a schedule of fees and charges and other available funds which will provide adequate funds for proper operation, maintenance, and administration of the system and the repayment of all principal and interest on the debt.

That the governing body of the **Applicant** agrees to include in the loan agreement a provision authorizing the State Treasurer, upon failure of Martin County to make scheduled repayment of the loan, to withhold from Martin County any State funds that would otherwise be distributed to the local government unit in an amount sufficient to pay all sums then due and payable to the State as a repayment of the loan.

That the **Applicant** will provide for efficient operation and maintenance of the project on completion of construction thereof.

That Jack Williford, Interim County Manager, the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized to execute and file an application on behalf of the **Applicant** with the State of North Carolina for a loan to aid in the construction of the project described above.

That the **Authorized Official**, and successors so titled, is hereby authorized and directed to furnish such information as the appropriate State agency may request in connection with such application or the project: to make the assurances as contained above; and to execute such other documents as may be required in connection with the application.

That the **Applicant** has substantially complied or will substantially comply with all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances applicable to the project and to Federal and State grants and loans pertaining thereto.

Adopted this the 22nd day of September, 2011 at Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina.

(Signature of Presiding Officer)

CLOSED SESSION

PERSONNEL G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6)

Commissioner Price made a MOTION, with a SECOND by Commissioner Hyman to go into Closed Session according to G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Lilley stated the search for a county manager was over and asked for a motion. Vice Chairman Bowen made the MOTION to appoint Mr. David B. Bone as County Manager effective October 13, 2011, with a SECOND by Commissioner Hyman. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Chairman Lilley added that things went very well. There were a lot of applicants but one stood out.

Mr. Bone introduced his wife Amy, and sons Conner and Ethan. Their oldest son could not attend due to a scouting engagement.

Commissioner Price gave a MOTION to approve the employment agreement between Martin County and Mr. David Bone, with a SECOND by Commissioner Smith. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

As requested by Mr. Bone, Interim County Manager Williford had recommended in closed session that the Board reimburse Mr. Bone for his personal hospitalization insurance premium cost from October 13 through November 30, 2011 (Approximately \$340.00). The hospitalization coverage for Mr. Bone with the County will become effective December 1, 2011.

Commissioner Price made a MOTION on the recommendation as presented by Interim County Manager Williford, with a SECOND by Vice Chairman Bowen. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and to give way to greeting Mr. Bone and his family, Vice Chairman Bowen made the MOTION to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., with a SECOND by Commissioner Price. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Elmo "Butch" Lilley, Chairman

Marion B. Thompson, Clerk to the Board