

June 24, 2020

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Called Session on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, North Carolina.

ASSEMBLY

Present at the Courthouse: Chairman Tommy Bowen, County Manager David Bone, Clerk to the Board Jessica Godard, Sheriff Tim Manning, and Chief Deputy Drew Robinson.

Present via conference call: Vice Chairman Dempsey Bond, Jr., Commissioner Elmo "Butch" Lilley, Commissioner Ronnie Smith, Commissioner Joe R. Ayers, and Finance Officer Deputy Clerk Cindy Ange.

County Attorney James was not present.

Chairman Bowen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. County Manager Bone led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Chairman Bowen provided the invocation. Clerk to the Board Jessica Godard performed a roll call.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Lilley made a MOTION to approve the agenda as presented, with a SECOND by Vice Chairman Bond. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously (5-0).

Aye
Bowen
Bond
Lilley
Smith
Ayers

Nay

Adoption of the FY 2020-2021 Martin County Budget Ordinance

County Manager Bone briefly reviewed the budget process and recalled that since the budget public hearing held on June 13, 2020 was electronic, 24 hours had to pass before the Board could take any action. County Manager Bone stated no public comments had been received on the budget, therefore the Board could proceed with adopting the budget at this time.

Commissioner Smith stated some counties across the state had been adopting their budgets with plans on re-evaluating and revisiting the budget the following January. Commissioner Smith suggested this may be something that Martin County consider, in order to stay abreast of any budgetary issues. Chairman Bowen and Vice Chairman Bond voiced agreement with Commissioner Smith's suggestion. County Manager Bone stated staff would work with the Board on that request.

Commissioner Lilley made a MOTION to approve the FY 2020-2021 Martin County Budget Ordinance as presented, with a SECOND from Commissioner Smith. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously (5-0).

Aye
Bowen
Bond
Lilley
Smith
Ayers

Nay

Approval of Year End Budget Amendments

County Manager Bone presented Budget Amendment #32, which covered various areas.

- *DMV* – increase wildlife fees to account for additional revenue.
- *Mental Health*– Increase bottle tax to account for additional revenue.
- *Vocational Rehab* – Increase budget to account for additional insurance cost for building.
- *Emergency Management* – Increase budget to cover COVID 19 expenditures until we determine which funding will be used to cover the costs.

Vice Chairman Bond made a MOTION to approve Budget Amendment #32, with a SECOND from Commissioner Ayers. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously (5-0).

Aye
Bowen
Bond
Lilley
Smith
Ayers

Nay

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-32

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, 2020.

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

	Increase	Decrease
General Government		
DMV	\$ 5,000	
Human Resources		

Mental Health	\$ 2,000
Vocational Rehab	\$ 200
Public Safety	
Emergency Management	\$10,000

This will result in an increase of \$17,200 in the expenditures of the General Fund. To provide an increase in the revenues for the above, the following revenues will be changed.

Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ 2,000
Permits and Fees	\$ 5,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$10,200

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.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Bowen offered his thanks to all staff involved in putting the budget together.

Commissioner Smith stated other counties in the state were reporting COVID-19 information differently than Martin County. He asked that Mr. Gray be informed of his request to have cases reported by race, age, zip code, and gender (demographics), in order to be able to target areas with higher numbers of positive cases. Commissioner Smith also discussed the statewide submission of legislative goals by counties and commended County Manager Bone on his efforts for always presenting legislative goals for Martin County.

Commissioner Lilley echoed Chairman Bowen's remarks, thanking staff for their efforts and teamwork in preparing the budget.

Vice Chairman Bond echoed Chairman Bowen and Commissioner Lilley's remarks.

Commissioner Smith thanked staff for bringing forth a solid budget, while many counties were still struggling to create a budget. He thanked the other Board members for their cooperation and efforts throughout the budget process.

County Manager Bone thanked the Board for their cooperation on behalf of staff.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Bone made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., with a SECOND by Commissioner Smith. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously (5-0).

Aye
Bowen
Bond

Nay

Lilley
Smith
Ayers

The next scheduled meeting would be Wednesday, July 8th, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, NC 27892.

Tommy Bowen, Chairman

Jessica Godard, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board