

September 13, 2023 Special

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Called Meeting to discuss Closed Session matters, on Wednesday, September 13, 2023 around 9:12 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room of the Martin County Governmental Center, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, North Carolina.

ASSEMBLY

Present in the Boardroom: Chairman Ronnie Smith, Vice Chairman Dempsey Bond, Jr., Commissioner Emily Biggs, Commissioner David "Skip" Gurganus, County Manager U. James Bennett, County Attorney Benjamin R. Eisner (via phone call), Clerk to the Board Julia S. Rease, and Finance Officer Cindy Ange.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order around 9:12 p.m.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Gurganus made the **Motion** to Approve the revised agenda, with a **Second** by Vice Chairman Bond Jr. Motion was **Carried** unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION(S) - 1. N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(3)Attorney-Client Privilege and 2. N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(5)Real Property Purchase/Contracts/Leases

Around 9:12 p.m., Commissioner Gurganus made the **Motion** to Enter Closed Session (s) - 1. N.C.G.S § 143-318.11. (4) Industry/Economic Development, 2.N.C.G.S § 143-318.11. (5) Contracts/Agreements, and 3.N.C.G.S § 143-318.11. (6) Personnel, with a **Second** by Commissioner Biggs. Motion was **Carried** unanimously.

At 10:38 p.m., Vice Chairman Bond Jr. made the **Motion** to Exit Closed Session(s) - 1.N.C.G.S § 143-318.11. (4) Industry/Economic Development, 2. N.C.G.S § 143-318.11. (5) Contracts/Agreements, 3.N.C.G.S § 143-318.11. (6) Personnel, with a **Second** by Commissioner Biggs. Motion was **Carried** unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Budget Amendment #9

In order to assist the 5 EMS squads that operate within the County with increase costs due to the closure of Martin General Hospital the County is adjusting the 2023-2024 appropriation to each squad.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-9

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, 2024.

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

	Increase	Decrease
Public Safety		

Rescue Squads \$ 662,500

This will result in an increase of \$662,500 in the expenditures of the General Fund. To provide an increase in the revenues for the above, the following revenues will be changed.

Fund Balance Appropriation \$ 662,500

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 Gurganus and **Seconded** by Commissioner Biggs to adopt the above budget ordinance amendment to **start on October 1, 2023 on a quarterly bases**. Motion was **Carried** unanimously.

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		INC	DEC
Fund Balance Appropriation	1100090 499099	\$ 662,500	
Jamesville Rescue	1143750 564100	\$ 140,000	
Robersonville Rescue	1143750 564200	\$ 160,000	
Williamston Rescue	1143750 564300	\$ 262,500	
Oak City Rescue	1143750 564400	\$ 50,000	
Hamilton Rescue	1143750 564500	\$ 50,000	

BOARD REPORTS / COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Manager Bennett thanked Vice Chairman Bond Jr. for bringing a 2023 Map Book back from the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners Annual Conference, which contained demographics for each county within North Carolina. Manager Bennett reported that a copy of the map book was also in the Board agenda packets.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, at 9:30 pm, Commissioner Gurganus **Motioned** to adjourn and Vice Chairman Bond Jr. **Seconded** the motion. The Board unanimously **Approved** the motion.

Ronnie Smith, Chairman
Martin County Board of Commissioners

Julia S. Rease
Clerk to the Board