

August 21, 2023 Special

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Called meeting to discuss Closed Session matters, on Monday, August 21, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Board Room of the Martin County Governmental Center, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, North Carolina.

ASSEMBLY

Those attending the meeting were Chairman Ronnie Smith, Vice Chairman Dempsey Bond, Jr., Commissioner Joe R. Ayers, Commissioner Emily Biggs, Commissioner David "Skip" Gurganus, County Manager U. James Bennett, County Attorney Benjamin Eisner (Webex), County Clerk Julia S. Rease, and Finance Officer Cindy Ange.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Commissioner Biggs led the Pledge of Allegiance and Commissioner Gurganus provided the invocation.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Gurganus made the **Motion** to Approve the agenda, with a **Second** by Commissioner Biggs. 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 6:04 p.m., Commissioner Gurganus made the **Motion** to enter Closed Sessions pursuant of NC G.S. §143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney-Client and NC G.S. §143-318.11(a) (5) Real Property Purchase/Contracts/Leases, with a **Second** by Vice Chairman Bond Jr. The motion was **Carried** unanimously.

At 7:20 p.m., Vice Chairman Bond Jr. made the **Motion** to Exit 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 , with a **Second** by Commissioner Biggs. Motion was **Carried** unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Commissioner Biggs made the **Motion** to move forward in drafting a proposal to hire Ascendent Consultant Dawn Carter, with a **Second** by Commissioner Gurganus. Motion was **Carried** unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, at 7:22 p.m., Commissioner Gurganus **Motioned** to adjourn and Commissioner Biggs **Seconded** the motion. The Board unanimously **Approved** the motion.

Ronnie Smith, Chairman
Martin County Board of Commissioners

Julia S. Rease
Clerk to the Board