

December 22, 2017
Special Called Meeting

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Called Meeting on Friday, December 22, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom, Martin County Governmental Center, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, NC.

ASSEMBLY

Those in attendance: Chairman Elmo "Butch" Lilley, Vice Chairman Tommy Bowen, Commissioner Ronnie Smith, Commissioner Dempsey Bond, Jr., Commissioner Joe R. Ayers, County Manager David Bone, County Attorney J. Melvin Bowen, and Clerk to the Board Marion B. Thompson. Finance Director/Deputy Clerk Cindy Ange was not in attendance.

Chairman Lilley called the meeting to order around 10:00 a.m. Commissioner Ayers led the pledge of allegiance. Commissioner Smith provided the invocation.

Elected/Appointed Officials present: Sheriff Tim Manning and Chief Deputy Robinson.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chairman Bowen made a MOTION to approve the agenda as presented, with a SECOND by Commissioner Bond. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

County Emergency Medical Services – Medical Director Approval

County Manager Bone stated in order for Martin County to perform Emergency Medical Services (EMS) services, the system must have medical oversight. The current medical director, Dr. Steven Manning, tendered his resignation as EMS Medical Director, effective January 1, 2018.

The EMS Advisory Council (consisting of the Emergency Management Coordinator, County EMS Captains, and Martin General Hospital Emergency Room Nurse Manager) agreed unanimously to recommend East Carolina University Emergency Physicians Group, under the leadership of Dr. Bryan Kitch, ECU School of Medicine, as Martin County EMS Medical Director. Martin County would have medical directions twenty-four hours of the day.

If approved by the Board of Commissioners, Emergency Management Coordinator Jody Griffin would submit the appointee/group name (s) for approval to the Office of Emergency Medical Services (OEMS).

County Manager Bone explained Dr. Kitch, as leader, proposed an hourly rate for Medical Direction, which may turn out to be less than the current rate. County Manager Bone stated he anticipated having an EMS Medical Director contract/agreement for the Board's consideration at the February 14, 2018, if approved.

Commissioner Ayers made the Motion to accept the resignation of Dr. Steven Manning as Martin County EMS Medical Director, effective January 1, 2018, with a SECOND by Commissioner Smith. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

Commissioner Smith made the MOTION to approve/appoint Dr. Bryan Kitch, ECU School of Medicine, as Martin County EMS Medical Director, along with the East Carolina University Emergency Physicians Group, contingent upon the approval of the North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services, effective January 1, 2018. Vice Chairman Bowen SECONDED the motion. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Bond made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 10:06 a.m., with a SECOND by Vice Chairman Bowen. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

Elmo "Butch" Lilley, Chairman

Marion B. Thompson, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board