

June 21, 2017

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in Special Called Session on Wednesday, June 21, 2017, 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Martin County Governmental Center, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, North Carolina.

ASSEMBLY

Chairman Elmo “Butch” Lilley, Vice Chairman Tommy Bowen, Commissioner Ronnie Smith, Commissioner Dempsey Bond, Jr., Commissioner Joe R. Ayers, County Manager David Bone, Clerk to the Board Marion B. Thompson, and Finance Officer / Deputy Clerk Cindy Ange.

County Attorney J. Melvin Bowen was not in attendance.

Chairman Lilley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Bond. The invocation was provided by Vice Chairman Bowen.

Chairman Lilley welcomed each one to the meeting. Chairman Lilley thanked all of the folks that have concerned employees and citizens of the County for coming to hear what is going on. Adding, he hoped that those in attendance would listen and share with the Board of Commissioners on a daily basis or whenever there was a concern. Chairman Lilley suggested the citizens give the Commissioners a call. Adding, they are always willing to hear from them.

The following elected/appointed officials were recognized: Martin County Sheriff Dan Gibbs and Town of Bear Grass Mayor Charlotte Griffin.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Commissioner Smith made a MOTION to approve the agenda as presented, with a SECOND by Commissioner Bond. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Manager Bone briefed those requesting public comments on Martin County’s Public Comments policy. Each speaker would be allowed three (3) minutes. A timer would be used to notify each speaker when the time was up.

Mr. Chuck Whitford, of eastern Martin County & resident of School District #7, suggested the Board of Commissioners consider two things before approving FY2017-18 Budget. Mr. Whitford asked the Board to reject any fund request to the Board of Education, which does not promote the return to community schools in the county. Secondly, to ask the Board of Education and Martin Community College for a 10 year plan for money that would be requested from the county taxpayers and the tax increases that would be required. Then, place that proposal on the ballot in a November election for voters to approve.

Chairman Lilley thanked Mr. Whitford for his comments and suggested he give his comments to the Enterprise & Weekly Herald for publication.

Ms. Francis Smyth, of Tyrrell County, current Chairman MTW District Health Board, asked the Board of Commissioners to fund the MTW District Health Board in full, if possible. Ms. Smyth stated MTW District Health Department:

1. Is an existing organization providing the service;
2. Is mandated by the state to provide certain services; primary care and dental service are provided in some locations;
3. Serves three (3) counties; reduction in funding would affect the allocation in the group; and
4. Sixty (60) local employees, who contribute to the local economy; twenty (20) employees live in Martin County; twenty-one (21) employees work in Martin County.

MTW District Health Director Terrell Davis stated the difference between public health (MTW District Health Department) and Federal Qualified Health Center [FQHC] (Metropolitan/Agape Health Center). The County is mandated by statute to provide certain services through public health. (A listed of current services was provided.) Federally qualified health centers provide pharmacy services, primary care services mental health and dental service. Of those services, public health is only required to provide dental services.

Director Davis stated MTW District Health manages dental services in two (2) counties and planned to expand to adult dental services in Washington County, beginning July 1, 2017. Director Davis stated she would love to find a way and location to provide dental services in Martin County. Dental Clinics are self-supporting and/or grant funded. Tyrrell County received a grant of \$240,000 to support the dental clinic. No county funding goes to dental clinic, only to mandated services. Public health funding should not be impacted or compared to FQHC funding.

Director Davis stated she understood the need for the FQHC in Martin County but public health and a federally qualified health center are two different entities.

Ms. Rhonda Seaton, 4172 Fort Branch Rd, speaking in support of funding for Metropolitan/Agape Health Center, inquired as to whether the County had allocated an amount of three increment of \$25,000 each three year ago for the Metropolitan/Agape Health Center, which would never paid out.

County Manager Bone replied those amounts were never in a Martin County adopted budget.

Ms. Jane Wagner, Principal of South Creek Middle School, advocated for full funding of the MTW District Health Department. Principal Wagner commented on some of the benefits gained for outreach programs provided by MTW District Health Department, such a Teen Court and communicable disease awareness.

Ms. Carol Taylor, of the Metropolitan/Agape Health Center, stated Metropolitan/Agape Health Center was not trying to overrun or supersede MTW District Health Center but to work together. Ms. Taylor added Metropolitan/Agape Health Center has been providing a need not being met, while commenting on the need to team up to help the community.

FY 2017-18 BUDGET SESSION

BOARD COMMENTS

Chairman Lilley asked each Commissioner for comments on the budget proposed for 2017-18.

Vice Chairman Bowen stated he was satisfied with the budget, even though he hated the 5.5% tax increase because raising tax was not one of his favorite things to do. Adding, it puts a burden on the tax payers. Vice Chairman Bowen noted he was not in favor of funding the proposed Career Center. He was trying to help Martin Community College keep the doors open.

Commissioner Ayers stated he agreed with Vice Chairman Bowen about the tax increase and mentioned he was against going into other funds to balance the budget. Commissioner Ayers suggested years going forth, the Board needed to get a handle on spending. Adding, the taxpayers can't continue to be punished. The County is mandated to fund the Health Department and can't afford the ones (agencies) being funded. Commissioner Ayers added the County can't afford to take on a new agency. Commissioner Ayers stated he agreed with some of comments Mr. Whitford made, and also stated the need to keep Martin Community College going.

Commissioner Smith stated he had looked at the information provided by MTW District Health Department and supports the program. Commissioner Smith stated he did not have an issue with the Health Department funding but he was concerned about the dental service in Martin County (for those uninsured or underserved). People on Medicaid are not getting service in Martin County. Metropolitan/Agape Health Center is providing help to the citizens. Metropolitan/Agape Health Center is mandated (by funding source) to not turn anybody away. Commissioner Smith stated he had talked to people who would have not been served, if not for Metropolitan/Agape Health Center. Commissioner Smith added he didn't want taxes increased. Schools have to be provided for. The citizens are telling the Board where they are going. The Board needs to fund those services. Adding, the Board needed to do what it could for Metropolitan/Agape Health Center.

Commissioner Smith commended MTW District Health Director Davis for her leadership and for dealing with the financial difficulties during her tenure. Commissioner Smith stated the Health Department was in the red on her arrival but had become more stable under her leadership.

Commissioner Bond dittoed Commissioner Smith's remarks to Director Davis, Stating, he sat on the Interview Committee when she was hired. Having to dismiss twelve (12) to fourteen (14) employees was no easy task for Director Davis. Commissioner Bond continued to say education was the key to all of our problems. Commissioner Bond suggested the Schools, Martin Community College and Economic Development needed to work together, be honest and above board.

Commissioner Smith stated he came prepared to look at some numbers or something to address the request of \$150,000 by Metropolitan/Agape Health Center for a full-time dentist.

County Manager Bone stated he was sorry if he misunderstood the direction of the Board. County Manager Bone stated there were options in the proposed budget to adjust such as the expansion of the pay study and capital outlay expenses. County Manager Bone sought direction from the Board regarding which items to adjust, if any.

Commissioner Smith suggested looking at fund balances or hospital monies to help the people going to Metropolitan/Agape Health Center and receiving dental services. Adding, the Board needed to provide resources to where the people are going; to follow the trail to help those who are helping us. Most patients needed emergency care. Commissioner Smith suggested forming a partnership with the Metropolitan/Agape Health Center to be proactive rather than reacting as a last resort. Commissioner Smith thanked Agape for its service to the community. Adding, he hoped the Board had the courage to fund Metropolitan/Agape Health Center.

Commissioner Bond asked Ms. Taylor whether MTW District Health Department could locate in the Metropolitan/Agape Health Center building, since it was looking for a location in Martin County. Mr. Taylor stated the matter would have to be approved by the Metropolitan/Agape Health Center Board of Directors or the CEO (Reverend David Moore).

Chairman Lilley asked Ms. Taylor had they explored the idea or checked into using East Carolina University Dentistry Program interns. Ms. Taylor responded yes; but because the dentist works part-time, interns are not permitted. Also, the type of patients being dealt with required advanced knowledge and experience of the situation. Ms. Taylor stated there is a waiting list for dental services, since the dentist works part-time,.

Vice Chairman Bowen made the MOTION to adopt the FY 2017-18 Budget as presented by the County Manager with the additional increase of \$5,225 for the Martin County Chamber of Commerce to be appropriated from the Fund balance, with a SECOND by Commissioner Ayers.

Commissioner Smith requested a substitute MOTION to not adopt the budget tonight, set down and check the numbers, look at the fund balance, look at the hospital monies and see what can be done about providing monies that would go to our citizens that are not asking us but showing us where it (the monies) should go (Agape), with a SECOND by Commissioner Bond.

Commissioner Ayers questioned when was the taking out of the fund balance and hospital fund going to stop.

Vice Chairman Bowen reiterated the decreasing population and not putting a further tax burden on the remaining population.

The voting on the substitute motion was as follows: Commissioners Smith and Bond voted FOR the motion. Commissioners Lilley, Bowen and Ayers voted AGAINST the motion. The motion FAILED 2 to 3.

Commissioner Smith wanted it noted that his motion suggested the Board go back, sit down, and tweet the numbers. Adding, he was not talking about taking anything from any organization. That he supported the budget and pulling monies out of the fund balance and the hospital fund to support the budget. Commissioner Smith stated he felt the Board was making a premature decision.

Commissioner Bond stated there was too much duplication with the department of Travel and Tourism and the Chamber of Commerce. The two organizations have been working very closely together. In the opinion of Commissioner Bond, it looked like the Board could work something out as to where \$5,000 could be transferred between departments without going into the fund balance.

The voting on the first motion was as follows: Commissioners Lilley, Bowen, Smith and Ayers voted FOR adopting the FY 2017-18 Budget as revised. Commissioner Bond voted AGAINST adopting the FY 2017-18 Budget as revised. The motion was APPROVED 4 to 1.

MARTIN COUNTY

2017-2018 BUDGET ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of Martin County, North Carolina:

Section 1. The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the General Fund for the operation of the county government and its activities for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

General Government

County Commissioners	\$ 272,702
County Manager	238,220
Finance Office	426,236
Tax Assessor	400,771
Tax Collector	350,040
Legal	13,184
Court Facilities	138,652
Board of Elections	172,987
Register of Deeds	240,790
DMV License Plate Agency	107,180
Data Processing	353,880
Public Building	<u>957,084</u>
Total General Government	\$3,671,726

Public Safety

Sheriff	\$3,171,907
Jail (includes youth detention)	1,346,398
Communications	630,895
Emergency Management	164,753
Building Inspector	111,653
Medical Examiner	30,000
Rescue Squads	<u>366,805</u>
Total Public Safety	\$5,822,411

Transportation

Airport	191,768
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Martin County Transit	<u>853,216</u>
Total Transportation	\$1,044,984
Environmental Protection	
Forest Fire Control	84,576
Sanitation	<u>2,236,021</u>
Total Environmental Protection	\$2,320,597
<u>Economic & Physical Development</u>	
Martin County Chamber of Commerce Economic Development	20,900 582,972
Travel & Tourism Authority	283,000
Cooperative Extension Service	191,290
Soil Conservation Service	<u>386,176</u>
Total Economic & Physical Development	\$1,464,338
<u>Human Services</u>	
M-T-W Health Department	380,545
Mental Health	48,462
Vocational Rehab. - Martin Enterprises	39,730
Department of Social Services Administration	3,657,340
Assistance Programs	<u>2,998,657</u>
Total Department of Social Services	\$6,655,997
Office of Aging	725,575
Other Human Services	
Veteran's Service Officer	59,436
Office of Juvenile Justice	137,439

Martin County Women's Council	500
County Projects	56,250
Martin County Community Action	<u>465</u>
Total Other Human Services	\$254,090
Total Human Services	\$8,104,399

Education

Martin County Board of Education	
Current Expenses	5,790,158
Capital Outlay	1,539,872
Interest Payment	763,432
Public School Bldg Capital Fund	=
Total Board of Education	\$8,093,462
Martin Community College	
Current Expense	1,051,454
Capital Outlay	<u>132,981</u>
Total Community College	\$1,184,435
Total Education	\$9,277,897

Cultural and Recreation

Arts Council	7,125
County Library	99,232
County-Wide Recreation	35,170
Martin Community Players	6,000
Roanoke River Project	<u>2,000</u>
Total Cultural and Recreation	\$149,527

Water/Sewer

Water/Sewer-Non Enterprise Activity	<u>176,290</u>
Total Water/Sewer NEA	\$176,290

Transfers to Other Funds

Transfer to Debt Service Fund	937,302
Transfer to Revaluation	35,000

Transfer to Airport	16,667
Transfer to Dist#1 Construction	<u>22,145</u>
Total Transfers to Other Funds	\$1,011,114

Contingency _____ -

TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS \$33,043,283

Section 2: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the General Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Taxes

Ad Valorem	
Real & Personal Property - Current Year	13,112,250
Motor Vehicles - Current Year	1,452,000
Prior Year AV & MV	453,000
Interest Fees, & Commissions	152,000
Refunds AV & MV, Escrow	(57,200)
Sales Tax	4,271,000
All Other Taxes	<u>402,500</u>
Total Taxes	\$19,785,550

Permits & Fees \$265,600

Intergovernmental Revenues

Unrestricted	81,000
Restricted	<u>\$7,428,841</u>
Total	\$7,509,841

Sales & Services \$2,730,151

Miscellaneous \$152,249

Other Financing Sources

Sale of Fixed Assets	\$20,000
Installment Purchase Proceeds	-

Transfers

Hospital Fund \$1,566,667

Transfer from Capital Reserve	-
Transfer from Room Occupancy	8,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	<u>1,005,225</u>
Total	\$2,574,667

TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES \$ 33,043,283

Section 3: The following amount is hereby appropriated in the 4-H Fund for the operation of the 4-H Adventure Program for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Economic & Physical Development \$61,423

Section 4: It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the 4-H Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Miscellaneous 61,423

Total Estimated Revenues \$61,423

Section 5: The following amount is hereby appropriated in the Revaluation Fund for the revaluation of property in Martin County during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for the county.

General Government \$35,000

Section 6: It is estimated that the following revenue will be available in the Revaluation Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Transfers from Other Funds

Transfer from General Fund	35,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	-

Total Estimated Revenues \$35,000

Section 7: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Emergency Telephone System Fund for the operation of the E-911 emergency telephone system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Public Safety Emergency 911 - Communications 271,282

Total Appropriations \$ 271,282

Section 8: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Emergency Telephone System Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

<u>Taxes 911 Access Charges</u>	271,282
Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 271,282

Section 9: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Controlled Substance Tax Fund for law enforcement purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

<u>Controlled Substance</u>	7,250
Total Appropriations	\$7,250

Section 10: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Controlled Substance Tax Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

<u>Controlled Substance Fund Balance Appropriation</u>	7,250
Total Estimated Revenues	\$7,250

Section 11: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the County Water Fund for debt service payment for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

<u>County Water</u>	
Debt Service Principal	320,000
Debt Service Interest	<u>525,982</u>
Total Appropriations	\$ 845,982

Section 12: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the County Water Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

<u>County Water</u>	
Water District #1 Contribution	100,000
Water District #2 Contribution	220,000
Interest Earnings	<u>525,982</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	\$845,982

Section 13: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Debt Service Fund the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

<u>Debt Service – Reserve For Future Years</u>	937,302
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Total Appropriations	\$ 937,302
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Section 14: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Debt Service Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

<u>Debt Service – Transfer From General Fund</u>	937,302
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Total Estimated Revenues	\$ 937,302
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Section 15: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Hospital Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

<u>Hospital Fund – Transfer to General Fund</u>	1,566,667
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Total Appropriations	\$1,566,667
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Section 16: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Hospital Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Hospital Fund

Investment Earnings	10,000
Proceeds From Lease	566,667
Fund Balance Appropriation	990,000

Total Estimated Revenues	\$1,566,667
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Section 17: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Fire District Funds for the operation of fire protection services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this county.

Public Safety

Jamesville Fire	155,600
Roanoke Fire	84,700
Williamston Fire	292,350
Goose Nest Fire	68,550
Griffins Fire	66,600
Bear Grass Fire	96,300
Hamilton Fire	<u>82,600</u>

Total Appropriations	\$846,700
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Section 18: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Fire District Funds for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Taxes

AV Real & Personal Current Year	543,500
Motor Vehicles - Current Year	101,000
Prior Year AV & MV	33,300
Interest/Discounts	6,900
Sales Tax	<u>162,000</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	\$846,700

Section 19: The base water rate for Water and Sewer Districts 1 & 2 residential customers will increase from forty dollars (\$40) per month to forty-two (\$42) dollars per month per connection. The base rate includes usage of the first one thousand (1,000) gallons of water. The rate for additional water usage above the base rate will remain eight dollars and fifty cents (\$8.50) for each additional one thousand (1,000) gallons. The industrial water rate for Water Districts 1 & 2 customers will remain: up to 25,000 gallons - \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons and over 25,000 gallons - \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons.

Section 20: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water and Sewer District No. 1 Fund for the operation of the District's water system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this District.

Water and Sewer District No. 1

Administration	157,440
Water Operations	303,383
Water Capital Outlay & Debt	242,282
Reserve for Future Expenditures	<u>22,299</u>
Total Appropriations	\$725,404

Section 21: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water and Sewer District No. 1 Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Water and Sewer District No. 1

Unrestricted Intergovernmental	66,810
Sales and Service	<u>658,594</u>
Total Estimated Revenue	\$725,404

Section 22: The following amounts are hereby appropriated in the Water and Sewer District No. 2 Fund for the operation of the District's water system for the fiscal year beginning

July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, in accordance with the chart of accounts heretofore established for this District.

Water and Sewer District No. 2

Administration	156,635
Water Operations	306,574
Water Capital Outlay & Debt	633,700
Reserve for Future Expenditures	—
Total Appropriations	\$1,096,909

Section 23: It is estimated that the following revenues will be available in the Water and Sewer District No. 2 Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018.

Water and Sewer District No. 2

Unrestricted Intergovernmental	381,541
Sales and Service	<u>715,368</u>
Total Estimated Revenues	\$1,096,909

Section 24: In years of property reappraisal (such as this year), North Carolina General Statute § 159-11 (e) requires counties to provide a statement of the revenue-neutral property tax rate for comparison purposes. With the current revaluation, the value of real property decreased a bit; however, personal property value increased. The total tax value increased slightly from \$1.7389 billion to \$1.7398 billion. The 2016-17 tax rate was \$0.7350 per \$100, plus the applicable fire district tax. For 2017-18, the revenue-neutral tax rate would be \$0.7321 per \$100, plus the applicable fire district tax.

The budget is based on 5.5-cent increase in the property tax rate (from \$0.735 per \$100 valuation to \$0.79 per \$100 valuation, plus the applicable fire district tax).

There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of seventy-nine cents (\$.79) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of real and personal property listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017 for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as “Ad Valorem Taxes – Real & Personal - Current Year” in the General Fund in Section 2 of this Ordinance. This rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$1,738,994,093 and an estimated collection rate of 94.91%. No discounts are allowed.

Section 25: There is hereby levied a tax at the rate of seventy-nine cents (\$.79) per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of motor vehicles registered with the NC Department of Motor Vehicles for the purpose of raising the revenue listed as “Ad Valorem Taxes – Motor Vehicles – Current Year” in the General Fund in Section 2 of this Ordinance. This rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation of \$183,797,468 and an estimated collection rate of 100%. No discounts are allowed. As of July 1, 2013, Motor Vehicle tax collections are collected by the State of North Carolina.

Section 26: There is hereby levied a \$172 fee for 96-gallon containers to offset sanitation expenses of providing door to door pickup, transportation costs, and tipping fee costs at the regional landfill in Bertie County. Construction & Demolition fee is set at \$40 per ton.

Section 27: There are hereby levied taxes at the rates indicated below per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of property within the special fire districts listed for taxes as of January 1, 2017 for the purpose of raising revenue listed as “Ad Valorem Taxes – Real & Personal - Current Year” in Section 10 of this Ordinance for said special fire district. The rate of tax is based on an estimated total valuation of property for the purpose of taxation as listed below for each special fire district and an estimated collection rate of 94.91%.

<u>Fire District</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Valuation</u>
Jamesville Fire District	0.07	\$ 152,115,566
Roanoke Fire District	0.04	146,787,613
Williamston Fire District	0.08	203,905,707
Goose Nest Fire District	0.06	80,184,748
Griffins Fire District	0.04	112,074,064
Bear Grass Fire District	0.045	141,260,138
Hamilton Fire District	0.07	\$ 88,077,683

Section 28: There are hereby levied taxes at the rates indicated above per one hundred dollars (\$100) valuation of motor vehicles registered with the NC Department of Motor Vehicles within the special fire districts listed for the purpose of raising revenue listed as “Ad Valorem Taxes – Motor Vehicles – Current Year” in Section 10 of this Ordinance for said special fire district. As of July 1, 2013, Motor Vehicle tax collections are collected by the State of North Carolina.

Section 29: Property taxes will be collected for the following towns: Hamilton, Bear Grass, Everetts, Parmele, Hassell, and Oak City.

Section 30: Receipts collected by county officers and employees must be deposited daily with the County Finance Officer regardless of the amount or type of revenue except for the Airport, Cooperative Extension, Animal Control, Landfill and Adult and Aging Services Department who shall make deposits weekly or when money on hand amounts to \$250, whichever comes first.

Section 31: The County Manager is designated as the Budget Officer of the County. He is authorized to approve transfers within a department without the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Section 32: Included in the budget is approximately \$240,000 for the implementation of the first phase of a pay study proposal, as well as approximately \$78,500 for the implementation of a merit rate increase (up to 2% merit raise, to be granted after employee performance review, eligible on employee’s anniversary date.).

Section 33: One position is added in the Tax Assessor Department.

Section 34: Provisions have been made to pay the individual cost of hospitalization through the NC State Health Plan (SHP) 80/20 plan, 70/30 plan or the CDHP plan (through

December 2017), less the required employee contribution. Effective January 1, 2017, the premiums employees pay to the local government unit for their own coverage shall conform to the premiums in the structure set by the NC State Health Plan, as per NC G. S. 135-48.47(b)(3a). Employees who did not participate in wellness screenings will pay twenty dollars (\$20.00) monthly for health insurance, in addition to State Health Plan costs due to non-compliance of the wellness activities stipulation. Provisions have been made to pay the individual cost of dental insurance for all eligible county employees, as well.

The county will provide ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) of term life insurance for eligible county employees. Longevity pay is provided for eligible employees who complete five years or more of continuous service with the county.

Employees' contributions to the NC Local Governmental Employees Retirement System will continue to be tax sheltered. Permanent employees will have an opportunity to participate in the cafeteria plan (IRC 125), the deferred compensation plan (IRC 457) and State 401K & 457 plan.

On behalf of eligible employees, the county contributes three percent (3%) of their annual salary to the NC 401K plan; for law enforcement officers, the county contributes five percent (5%) of their annual salary to the NC 401k plan.

Section 35: In accordance with General Statute 163-32 the following compensation rates have been approved for the Board of Elections members.

<u>Election Day</u> (Including Counting & Transfer of Ballots)	<u>Regular Meetings</u>
\$200 Chairman	\$ 60 Chairman
\$200 Member	\$ 40 Member

Section 36: Dual signatures are required for each check that is drawn on county funds. The signatures of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the Finance Officer, Assistant Finance Officer or Deputy Finance Officer shall be the authorized signatures of the County. The use of facsimile signatures is permitted.

Section 37: Changes in this budget will be by amendment only.

Adopted this 21st day of June, 2017.

Martin County Board of Commissioners

Elmo "Butch" Lilley, Chairman of the Board

Marion B. Thompson, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board

Budget Amendments

Budget Amendment #36

Finance Officer Cindy Ange stated at the June 14, 2017 meeting of the Martin County Board of Commissioners, the Board expressed a desire to increase the funding of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce to the same level of funding provided in 2013 or \$20,900. Since 2014, the appropriation to the Chamber had been reduced to \$15,675.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-36

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, 2016.

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

	Increase	Decrease
Economic & Physical Development Chamber of Commerce	\$5,225	

This will result in an increase of \$5,225 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	\$5,225
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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 Vice Chairman Bowen and SECONDED by Commissioner Ayers to adopt the above budget ordinance amendment this 21st day of June 2017. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Budget Amendment #37

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-37

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, 2017.

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

	Increase	Decrease
Public Safety Sheriff	\$ 8,700	
General Government Commissioners	\$ 2,500	

DMV	\$ 3,000
Human Services	
Women's Council	\$ 160

This will result in an increase of \$14,360 in the expenditures of the General Fund. To provide an increase in the revenues for the above, the following revenues will be changed.

Permits and Fees	\$ 4,000
Restricted Intergovernmental	\$ 5,500
Miscellaneous	\$ 4,860

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 Vice Chairman Bowen and SECONDED by Commissioner Ayers to adopt the above budget ordinance amendment this 21st day of June 2017. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Bowen made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 8:00p.m, with a SECOND by Commissioner Bond. The motion was unanimously APPROVED.

Elmo "Butch" Lilley, Chairman

Marion B. Thompson, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board