

August 31, 2017
Special Called Meeting

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session on Thursday, August 31, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Superior Courtroom, 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, Clerk to the Board Marion B. Thompson and Finance Officer/Deputy Clerk Cindy Ange.

Chairman Lilley called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Bond led the pledge of allegiance. Vice Chairman Bowen provided the invocation.

Chairman Lilley welcomed everyone to the special occasion, while thanking all for the tremendous show of support.

Chairman Lilley recognized the following appointed/elected officials: Bear Grass Mayor Charlotte Griffin, Parmele Mayor Jerry McCrary, Martin County Schools Superintendent Chris Mansfield, Martin County Sheriff Dan Gibbs, Clerk of Court Tonya Leggett, District Court Chief Judge Michael Paul, District Court Judge Regina Parker, District Attorney Seth Edwards, Register of Deeds Kimberly Griffin, Parmele Mayor Pro-tem/Commissioner Lula Council and Williamston Town Administrator David Jaynes.

Chairman Lilley stated Sheriff Dan Gibbs officially retired at 5:00 p.m. today, August 31, 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to appoint the person to complete Sheriff Gibb’s term, which would expire December 2018.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

APPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF

When Chairman Lilley asked for the pleasure of the Board concerning the Sheriff appointment, Vice Chairman Bowen made the MOTION that in pursuant to N C G. S. § 162.5, Chief Deputy James Timothy Manning be appointed Sheriff of Martin County to fill the vacancy created for the position of High Sheriff of Martin County by the retirement of Sheriff Dan Gibbs. This appointment shall be effective immediately and shall continue for the unexpired term of said Dan Gibbs. Commissioner Ayers SECONDED the motion, and it was unanimously APPROVED.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

The Honorable Regina Parker, District Court Judge, officiated the swearing in ceremony.

James Timothy Manning, with his wife, Vickey, holding the Bible, accompanied by his daughters Madison and Jordan, took the oath of office for Sheriff of Martin County.

Next, Judge Parker administered the oath of office for Chief Deputy to Drew Maurice Robinson, as his daughter, Lindsey, held the bible.

Judge Parker then administered the oath of office to the following Deputies:

Lt. Ryan Smith	Lt. Brent Council
Lt. Albert Roberson	Christina Jones
Chad Whitehurst	Mike Stalls
Brandon Wynne	Justin Harrell
Sgt. Jeff Griffin	Cpl. Mike Harrell
Keith Owens	Cpl. Steve O'Neal
Sgt. Chris Wilkerson	Kevin Beck
Sgt. Ashley Peed	Cpl. Angela Barber
Stephen Pearson	Penny Swain
Kit Campbell	Jason Godwin
Sgt. Shaun Cratt	Cpl. Brandon Mobley
Cpl. Corey Williams	Joshua Holliday
Andrew Conger	Robert Dalzell
Justin Barr	Sgt. Andy Beacham
Cpl. Michael Revels	Cpl. Joe Snider
Scott Cooper	Ashley Coffield
Cody Jones	Seymour Whitaker
Lisa Hester	Brian Hardison
Bennie Brickhouse	David Brown
Mike Paniagua	

Following, Judge Parker administered the oath of office to the following Civilian staff members:

Jimmy Horton	Mark Leggett
William Thompson	Chuck Rogerson
Hope Wynne	Robbie Peaks

Lastly, Judge Parker administered the oath of office to the following Ministers as Chaplains:

Jay Hardison	Ronell Rodgers
Greg Sexton	William Parker

Following the administration of the oaths, Sheriff Manning thanked everyone, acknowledging that some may have left work early to be able to attend the 5 p.m. meeting. He thanked the Lord for his strength and safety for the last 26 years, as he worked through the ranks as Deputy, School Resources Officer, Detective, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and now Sheriff of Martin County. Sheriff Manning thanked the Board of Commissioners, his family, Sheriff Dan Gibbs and staff, and the many others who have provided support through the years.

Sheriff Manning asked for continued support, as the Sheriff's Office strives to maintain a legacy of honesty, integrity, professionalism and experience.

Pastor William Parker prayed for safety and wisdom for all law enforcement personnel. Pastor Greg Sexton blessed the refreshments.

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Bowen made the MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m., with a SECOND by Commissioner Bond. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Elmo "Butch" Lilley, Chairman

Marion B. Thompson, NCCCC
Clerk to the Board