

August 14, 2019

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, 7:00 p.m. in the District Courtroom of the Martin County Governmental Center, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, North Carolina.

ASSEMBLY

Chairman Tommy Bowen, Vice Chairman Dempsey Bond, Jr., Commissioner Elmo “Butch” Lilley, Commissioner Ronnie Smith, County Manager David Bone, Clerk to the Board Jessica Godard, County Attorney Richard James and were present.

Commissioner Joe R. Ayers and Finance Director/Deputy Clerk Cindy Ange were absent.

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

Chairman Bowen recognized those public/elected officials in attendance: Bear Grass Mayor Charlotte Griffin and Sheriff Tim Manning. Chief Deputy Drew Robinson was also in attendance.

AGENDA APPROVAL

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

CONSENT AGENDA

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

- 1. Minutes** for July 10, 2019 Regular Session
- 2. Financial Report** for June 2019 included for informational purposes.
- 3. Tax Assessor – Tax Refund Requests – July 2019 -- NONE**
- 4. Tax Assessor – Tax Relief Orders –July 2019**

Year Levy	Lname	Fname	Reason	Value	Total
2019	Cashie Auto Parts		Mileage		46.94
2019	Franklin, Jr.	Thomas Doyal	Situs Error		382.43
2019	Heath	Shalonda Ronita	Situs Error		89.09
2019	Jones	Daniel Brian	Mileage		23.72
2019	Vieyra	Jose Isabel	Situs Error		40.13

2019	La Casetta Italian Cuisine		Personal		178.33
2019	Peele	Steve	Double List		8.29
2019	Green Farm Solar, LLC		Personal		673.95
2019	Hardison Solar Farm		Personal		649.85
2019	Fresh Air Energy XVIII LLC		Personal		2,918.31
				Total:	\$5,011.04

5. Tax Collector's Report –July 2019

	Category	Jul-19	July 19 Y-T-D
Real Property	20	\$181,377.75	\$181,377.75
Personal Property	25	<u>16,988.18</u>	<u>16,988.18</u>
Total		\$198,365.93	\$198,365.93
Motor Vehicle	30	<u>13.49</u>	<u>13.49</u>
Total MV		\$13.49	\$13.49
All Total		\$198,379.42	\$198,379.42

6. Tax Collector – 2018-19 Annual Tax Settlement Report

Tax Collector Christy Blevins submitted the following Tax Settlement Report for 2018-2019:

MARTIN COUNTY GOVERNMENTAL CENTER
OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR
305 E. MAIN STREET • PO BOX 664 • WILLIAMSTON, NC 27892
PHONE (252) 789-4360 FAX (252)789-4369

State of North Carolina

County of Martin

Annual Settlement of Taxes for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019

Taxes Receivable July 1, 2018	\$2,933,434.17
Fees Added (Returned Check, Advertising, Garnishment)	\$14,262.00

Net Beginning Balance, July 1, 2018	<u>\$2,947,696.17</u>	
Tax Levy for 2018-2019	\$17,625,158.08	
Total Taxes Charged to Tax Collector, Including years 2008-2019		\$20,572,854.25
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Collection of Principal	\$16,823,852.70	
Write-off of 2008 Delinquents to Conform to Audit Report	-\$49,299.00	
Releases	-\$2,667,959.25	
Adjustments	\$2,149,786.60	
Refunds	\$41,272.88	
Discounts	-\$1,044.40	
Total Credits and Adjustments		\$17,351,144.81
Total Receivable as of June 30, 2019		<u>\$3,221,709.44</u>
Cash Collections Summary		
Principal amount of taxes	\$16,832,972.16	
Interest	\$216,426.92	
Over/Short Net Balance	\$0.00	
Total Cash Deposit (Automated)		<u>\$17,049,399.08</u>

7. Mid-East Rural Planning Organization (MERPO) Representation Appointment for the Technical Advisory Committee and Technical Coordinating Committee – Included for informational purposes

8. Board Appointments/Reappointments

Martin County Southern Albemarle Association Annual Delegates

Each year the Southern Albemarle Association would submit a suggested list of delegates for the annual meeting for consideration by the Board. The 2019 meeting would be held in October 2019. The following list of delegates was approved, as part of the consent agenda.

Ms. Charlotte Griffin	Ms. Lula Council
Dr. Ken Boham	Ms. Libby Jenkins
Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Harrell	Mr. J. Elmo Lilley, Jr.
Mrs. Beulah Bennett	Mr. and Mrs. Don Grady
Mr. Dempsey Bond	Mr. Tim Manning
Ms. Tonya Leggett	Mr. Tommy Bowen
Mr. Ronnie Smith	Mr. David Bone
Mayor Ray Deans	Mr. Milton Bennet, Jr.
Mr. William Stalls	Mayor and Mrs. Willis Williams
Ms. Barbara Council	Mr. Joe Ayers
Ms. Jamie Heath	Mr. Curtis Willet
Mr. Chase Conner	Mr. Jason Semple

Mr. Vann Rogerson	Mr. John Chaffee
Mr. Al Chesson	Ms. Carol Shields
Ms. Kim Griffin	Dr. Chris Mansfield
Mayor Jerry McCrary	Mayor Joyce Whichard-Brown
Mr. Barney Conway	Mr. Ben Jones
Mayor Gil Matthews	Mr. Jerry Jennings
Ms. Gretchen Byrum	NC Rep. Shelly Willingham
NC Senator Erica Smith	Ms. Betty Jo Shepheard
Mr. Reginald Speight	Mr. Trey Lewis
Mr. David Wiseman	Ms. Michelle Davis
Mr. John O'Daniel	Mr. Mitch Manning
Mr. Brooks Braswell	Mr. Bryant Buck
Mr. Eliud De Jesus	Mr. Marshall Gill

ABC Board Appointment

There was a vacancy on the Martin County ABC Board, following the passing of Mr. James Hill. Commissioner Ronnie Smith nominated Mr. James T. Fleming to serve on the ABC Board. The term for Mr. Fleming would be for 3 years, expiring on July 31, 2022.

The appointment of Mr. James T. Fleming was approved as a part of the consent agenda.

9. Clerk Report included for informational purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S)

Department of Social Services

DSS Director Letecia Loadholt introduced Ms. Kimberly Godwin to the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Godwin started on August 1, 2019 as an Income Maintenance Caseworker-Program Administrator in DSS.

PRESENTATIONS

State Wide Athletic Committee (SWAC) – Williamston 8U All-Stars Softball Team – State Championship Runner-ups

Chairman Bowen presented a framed resolution to Coach Jason Brown (Head Coach Hank Tice was out of town). Coach Brown presented a folder with a signed resolution to each player and coach. The players and coaches had their picture taken with Chairman Bowen.

***RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS
2019 STATEWIDE ATHLETICS COMMITTEE (SWAC) 8U RUNNER-UPS
THE WILLIAMSTON 8U ALL-STAR GIRLS SOFTBALL TEAM***

WHEREAS, the Williamston 8U All-Star Girls Softball Team participated in the 2018 Statewide Athletics Committee Softball 8U Championship in Tarboro, NC on July 19-July 21, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Williamston 8U All-Star Girls Softball Team progressed in the SWAC State Tournament with their first two victories against formidable opponents Warren County (16-0) and Randolph County (16-0), battling through a loss to Lee County and bouncing back to the consolation bracket, and then winning three straight games over SGAA (17-7), Fuquay-Varina (16-14), and Tar River (14-10) to reach the state championship series; and

WHEREAS, despite dealing with two losses against Lee County, the Williamston 8U All-Star Girls Softball Team finished the SWAC Tournament as the Runner-Ups with a 5-2 overall record; and

WHEREAS, the youth of Martin County are a blessing and the foundation on which our community's future successes are built; and

WHEREAS, families and communities play vital roles in helping youth develop a positive self-image, sense of belonging and a sense of competence; and

WHEREAS, the legacy of promoting physical, emotional, as well as intellectual wellness, continued to be demonstrated throughout the duration of the Tournament; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Martin County Board of Commissioners publicly acknowledges, commends, and congratulates the 2019 Statewide Athletics Committee 8U Tournament Runner-Ups – the Williamston 8U All-Star Girls Softball Team – for their accomplishment and says “Thank you” for setting such a fine example for the youth in our community.

Players: Emery Tice, Kate Gibbs, Ava Manning, Savannah Barber, Jesse Brown, Laura Smith, Raven Wiggins, Ramiyah Shelby, Morgan Wolfe, Julianna Dysart, Harmony Hoo, and Olivia Smith

**Coaches: Hank Tice – Head Coach, Jason Brown, Quincy Wiggins, Sierra Bembridge
Scorebook – Mrs. Wolfe**

Tarheel Midget League – Williamston 10U All-Stars Baseball Team – State Championship Runner-Ups

Chairman Bowen presented a framed resolution to Coach Trey Warren. Coach Warren presented a folder with a signed resolution to each player and coach. The players and coaches had their picture taken with Chairman Bowen.

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS
2019 TARHEEL MIDGET LEAGUES STATE 10U CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UPS
THE WILLIAMSTON 10U ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, the 2019 Williamston 10U All-Star Baseball Team participated in the 2018 Tarheel Midget League State Tournament on July 25-28, 2019 in Smithfield, NC; and

WHEREAS, the players and coaches showed continued determination and perseverance throughout the Tournament, defeating Wendell Blue (3-2), suffering a loss to South Johnston (8-4), defeating Hickory (10-7), Wendell Blue (6-1) and Cleveland (12-9); and

WHEREAS, the Williamston 10U All-Star Baseball team fought through the loser's bracket and into the championship game, but fell short to South Johnston in the last game of the tournament (11-4); and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Williamston 10U All-Star Baseball Team concluded its season as State 10U Championship Runner-Ups with a 4-2 Tournament record; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners commends the players of the 2019 Williamston 10U All-Star Baseball Team for their hard work and determination; the coaches for their tireless efforts, and donation of time and energy toward the continued development of the individual talent of each ballplayer; and the parents, family, friends, and the community for their continued presence and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Martin County Board of Commissioners take pride in congratulating the 2019 Tarheel Midget League State 10U Championship Runner-Ups, the Williamston 10U All-Star Baseball Team for their dedication, commitment and demonstration of what it takes to obtain a lifetime of successes.

Players: Beau Brown, Jackson Ward, Caden Manning, Brody Whitaker, Eason Taylor, Chase Rodriguez, Logan Rogers, Hayden Willoughby, Macon Harrell, Bryson Banks, Easton Warren

Coaches: Trey Warren, Cameron Price, Jason Brown, Eric Manning

Tarheel Little League – Williamston 12U All-Stars Baseball Team – State Championship Runner-Ups

Chairman Bowen presented a framed resolution to Coach Greg Johnson. Coach Johnson presented a folder with a signed resolution to each player and coach. The players and coaches had their picture taken with Chairman Bowen.

**RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS
2019 TARHEEL LITTLE LEAGUES STATE 12U CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UPS
THE WILLIAMSTON 12U ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM**

WHEREAS, the 2019 Williamston 12U All-Star Baseball Team participated in the 2019 Tarheel Little League State Tournament on July 25-28, 2019 in Smithfield, NC; and

WHEREAS, the players and coaches showed continued determination and perseverance throughout the Tournament, defeating South Edgecombe (14-2), Zebulon (2-0), and South Johnston (6-5), and suffering a loss to Sandhills (9-3); and,

WHEREAS, the Williamston 12U All-Star Baseball team fought through the loser's bracket and into the championship game, but fell short to Sandhills in the last game of the tournament (0-6); and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Williamston 12U All-Star Baseball Team concluded its season as State 10U Championship Runner-Ups with a 3-2 Tournament record; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners commends the players of the 2019 Williamston 12U All-Star Baseball Team for their hard work and determination; the coaches for their tireless efforts, and donation of time and energy toward the continued development of the

individual talent of each ballplayer; and the parents, family, friends, and the community for their continued presence and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Martin County Board of Commissioners take pride in congratulating the 2019 Tarheel Little League State 12U Championship Runner-Ups, the Williamston 12U All-Star Baseball Team for their dedication, commitment and demonstration of what it takes to obtain a lifetime of successes.

Players: Champ Tice, Landon Stalls, Landon Simpson, Nike Wiggins, Noah Congleton, Jackson Harrell, Trent Mizelle, Seth Thomas, Jamison Moore, Alijah Lassiter, Torie Young

Coaches: Greg Johnson – Head Coach, Hank Tice, Austin Lee, Quincy Wiggins

Tarheel Junior League – Jamesville 15U All-Stars Baseball Team – State Championship Runner-Ups

Chairman Bowen presented a framed resolution to Coach Phil Ange. Coach Ange presented a folder with a signed resolution to each player and coach. The players and coaches had their picture taken with Chairman Bowen.

***RESOLUTION OF CONGRATULATIONS
2018 TARHEEL JUNIOR LEAGUES STATE 15U CHAMPIONSHIP RUNNER-UPS
THE JAMESVILLE 15U ALL-STAR BASEBALL TEAM***

WHEREAS, the 2019 Jamesville 15U All-Star Baseball Team participated in the 2019 Tarheel Junior League State Tournament on July 25-28, 2018 in Smithfield, NC; and

WHEREAS, the players and coaches showed continued determination and perseverance throughout the Tournament, defeating Johnston County-North (9-8), Erwin (10-2), suffering a loss to Johnston County-South (7-3), and defeating Chocowinity (3-0); and

WHEREAS, the Jamesville 15U All-Star Baseball team fought through and into the championship game, but fell short to Johnston County-South in the last game of the tournament (13-1); and

WHEREAS, the 2019 Jamesville 15U All-Star Baseball Team concluded its season as State 15U Championship Runner-Ups with a 3-2 Tournament record; and

WHEREAS, the Martin County Board of Commissioners commends the players of the 2019 Jamesville 15U All-Star Baseball Team for their hard work and determination; the coaches for their tireless efforts, and donation of time and energy toward the continued development of the individual talent of each ballplayer; and the parents, family, friends, and the community for their continued presence and support.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Martin County Board of Commissioners take pride in congratulating the 2019 Tarheel Junior League State 15U Championship Runner-Ups, the Jamesville 15U All-Star Baseball Team for their dedication, commitment and demonstration of what it takes to obtain a lifetime of successes.

Players: Ryan Ange, Brandon Arrants, Caleb Buck, Dylan Caracoglia, Anthony Lancaster, Avery Martin, Owen Price, Ethan Reason, Caleb Taylor, Jacob Whitesell, Carson Winstead

Coaches: Phil Ange – Head Coach, Jason Price, Charles Winstead

Comments for Softball and Baseball Teams

Each Commissioner offered their congratulations to the softball and baseball teams on their efforts and becoming state runner-ups in their respective brackets. The Commissioners thanked the coaches and parents for their guidance and support of the players, as well.

Martin County 4-H Youth Summit Representative – Pierce Williams

The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) would be hosting “YouthVoice” again at the annual youth summit held in conjunction with the Association’s Annual Conference (August 22-24, 2019 in Guilford County). Each year, the NCACC partners with NC 4-H and the Boys and Girls Clubs of North Carolina to bring Youth Delegates from across the state to the event.

The NCACC coordinated county applicants through the State 4-H Office and Boys and Girls Club partners. 4-H’er Pierce Williams was planning to attend the Board of Commissioners meeting and would represent Martin County at the 2019 Annual NCACC Conference Youth Summit.

As part of applicants’ pre-conference assignment, the NCACC asked that each Youth Delegate request time to speak at a Board of Commissioners’ meeting prior to the event in order to introduce themselves and let their county officials know that they would have a Youth Delegate attending the conference. Additionally, the youth was required to submit a photo taken with their Board of Commissioners.

Pierce Williams presented a PowerPoint to the Board of Commissioners to discuss his experiences with Martin County 4-H, as well as his future career and personal plans. The Board thanked Mr. Pierce for his presentation. Mr. Pierce had his picture taken with the Board of Commissioners to satisfy the application requirements for the YouthVoice conference.

Transfer of Sidearm and Badge to Retired Investigator Mike Stalls

Sheriff Tim Manning initially requested to perform a badge and sidearm transfer to retired Investigator Mike Stalls. Sheriff Tim Manning informed the Board at the meeting that Mr. Stalls would still be working part-time with the Sheriff’s office, so a plaque was presented to Mr. Stalls to commemorate his retirement and years of full-time service. Mr. Stalls had his family with him (wife April, daughter Allie, son Alden) and had their picture taken with the Board.

Introduction of New NCDOT District Engineer Marshall B. Gill

Marshall Gill, PE, new NCDOT District Engineer for our district (District 3 in Division 1) was introduced to the Board of Commissioners. Marshall is the District County Maintenance Engineer in Creswell (covering Chowan, Martin, Washington, Tyrrell and Hyde Counties), and he is originally from Hyde County. He started his new job on June 17th, 2019.

Mr. McGill stated a project of potential interest (Highway 17 project) may be affected/delayed due to funding issues with the NC Department of Transportation (unexpected legal fees and weather issues).

Vice Chairman Bond thanked NC DOT staff for getting the paving project completed at Riverside High School parking lot.

Commissioner Smith stated the NC DOT was doing a wonderful job with the roads across the state. Commissioner Smith hoped the County and the NCDOT would continue to be complete partners and work together with the limited resources available.

Commissioner Lilley thanked the NCDOT for the partnership, and for their prompt and courteous service.

Chairman Bowen echoed the other Commissioners, thanking the NCDOT for their professionalism.

County Manager Bone asked how the financial situation and challenges for the NCDOT would affect staffing in our area and if there were any potential lay-offs in the future. NCDOT staff stated locally there had been two-week notices tendered to approximately seven to nine temporary employees. There were two-week notices tendered to around four to five engineering positions (private engineering firm employees working with local NCDOT staff).

OLD BUSINESS - NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Project Bonfire

Martin County EDC President/CEO Semple recalled the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing pursuant of NC G.S. § 158-7. In this hearing, the Commissioners adopted a resolution Authorizing Martin County to enter an Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Project Bonfire, where the County would contribute up to seventy percent (70%) of net new real and personal property tax revenues generated by the Company to the Company for a duration of up to the next eight (8) years. This incentive would offset the Company's costs of its taxable investment in the County of Martin, should the Company choose Martin County for its expansion. The Board of Commissioners also gave authority to the County Manager and County Attorney to create an appropriate and mutually-agreed upon Economic Development Incentive Agreement with Project Bonfire, should the Company choose Martin County for its expansion.

Recently, the Company's consultant contacted MCEDC President Jason Semple indicating that the Company wished to move forward with investing in Martin County. After several communications, the Company and County agreed upon the language presented to the Commissioners in the enclosed Economic Development Agreement.

President/CEO Semple introduced to the Board of Commissioners Mr. Everett Spence - Mill Manager for Domtar, Mr. Bill Peters - HR Manager for Domtar, and Mr. Stefan Nowicki from the Domtar Corporate office in Fort Mill, SC.

Mr. Spence thanked Martin County for the partnership and looked forward to keeping a vital presence in Martin County.

Commissioner Lilley made a MOTION to approve the Economic Development Agreement between the County of Martin and Domtar Paper Company, LLC (entered into these minutes by reference title), with a SECOND from Commissioner Smith. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

Resolution Declaring August 2019 Child Support Awareness Month in Martin County

Ms. Tammy Pearson, NC Operations Manager for YoungWilliams, was requesting the adoption of a Resolution by the Martin County Board of Commissioners declaring August 2019 to be Child Support Awareness Month in Martin County. Ms. Pearson's letter stated child support could open doors of opportunity for many children. Ms. Pearson's letter also stated assisting parents to be able to make their child support payments would open doors for parents to stay involved in their child's life. Ms. Pearson was unable to be in attendance at tonight's meeting.

Ms. Preslee Liedecker, Program Manager for Child Support Services, came before the Board to reiterate the importance of child support awareness and thanked the Board for their support thus far. Ms. Liedecker reported in 1995, President Bill Clinton proclaimed August as National Child Support Awareness month, stating "Providing for our children is one of humanity's worthiest and most fundamental endeavors".

Vice Chairman Bond made a MOTION to adopt the Resolution Declaring August 2019 "Child Support Awareness Month" in Martin County, with a SECOND from Commissioner Smith. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

RESOLUTION DECLARING AUGUST 2019 "CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH" IN MARTIN COUNTY

WHEREAS, Martin County is recognizing August as Child Support Awareness Month, and reaffirms its commitment to strengthening Martin Counties families by providing child support services to improve the economic stability and well-being of children; and

WHEREAS, in State Fiscal Year 2018-19, more than \$2.7 million in child support was collected from parents of Martin Counties' children, and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 2200 child support orders in place, working to ensure that more than 1800 children receive financial support from their parents; and

WHEREAS, Child Support Awareness Month salutes the diligent working parents who spend time with their child and who make regular child support payments, to safeguard their children's future: and

WHEREAS, strengthening individuals and families promotes the safety and well-being of children, provides stability, improves the lives of children, and provides opportunities for families to be able to enhance their children's futures; and

WHEREAS, children who do not receive adequate financial and emotional support from their parents may experience greater difficulty in becoming healthy, happy and productive citizens; and

WHEREAS, many concerned and dedicated judges, district attorneys, clerks of court, sheriffs' personnel and child support professionals work to establish and enforce child support orders for Martin County children, one of our counties most vital resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Martin County Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare August 2019, as "CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH" in Martin County, and commend its observance to all citizens.

Adopted this 14th day of August, 2019

Proposed Ordinance to Prohibit Dangerous Weapons in County Buildings

County Manager Bone introduced Ms. Sadie Tice to the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Sadie Tice was a volunteer intern in the County Manager's office for the summer of 2019. As part of her internship, Ms. Tice researched and drafted an ordinance, with the assistance of Sheriff Tim Manning. Sheriff Manning had suggested the adoption of such an ordinance. This type of ordinance does not require a public notice or public hearing. Ms. Tice explained the importance of the ordinance with regards to protecting the safety of the staff and citizens of Martin County.

County Manager Bone pointed out to the Board one small change that was made in the final draft of the ordinance. A gentleman who was employed with the USDA in the feral hog program used weapons for his job duties. Under the original draft, he and other similar federal employees would not have been allowed to legally carry their weapon while in the discharge of their official duties.

Commissioner Lilley made a MOTION to approve the ordinance prohibiting weapons in county buildings, with a SECOND from Vice Chairman Bond. The Board members that were present all approved the motion. However, since there was a board member absent, the item will have to be presented to the Board at the next regular meeting. The approval of ALL board members is needed to pass the ordinance (G.S. 153A-45).

CHAPTER 20

ARTICLE V. - ORDINANCE PROHIBITING WEAPONS IN COUNTY BUILDINGS **SECTION 1 – DEFINITIONS**

Deadly weapon means any tool such as a gun, rifle, shotgun, knife, blade, stun gun, or explosive that has the potential and intent to cause harm. The only weapons in exception are ordinary pocket knives (as defined and permitted by NCGS 14-269), which are defined as small knives designed for carrying in a pocket or purse that have their cutting edge and point entirely enclosed by the handle, and may not be opened by a throwing, explosive, or spring action.

County government building means any building or office owned and/or operated by Martin County, and includes, but is not limited to, the Martin County Governmental Center, Social Services/Annex Building, Building Inspections/Veteran's Services, Martin County Transit, and Martin County Adult & Aging Services.

SECTION 2 – PROHIBITION

It shall be unlawful for any unauthorized person to carry a deadly weapon within a Martin County government building. As part of this prohibition, it is unlawful for anyone to carry a concealed handgun, regardless of if they have been issued a concealed handgun permit.

Deadly weapons are only permitted on county property if they are properly stored in a locked vehicle, and any firearms are contained within a closed compartment of the vehicle or in a carrying case affixed to the vehicle.

SECTION 3 – EXCEPTIONS

The following persons are exempt from this prohibition:

- (a) Law enforcement officers of the county, state, or nation while in discharge of their official duties;
- (b) Any judge or magistrate, with the proper concealed handgun permit;
- (c) The district attorney or anyone employed by the district attorney, with the proper concealed handgun permit;
- (d) Members of the U.S. Armed forces and other federal employees while in discharge of their official duties;
- (e) Members of the National Guard or militia when called into actual service and within the discharge of their official duties.

SECTION 4 – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

Any person in violation of this ordinance shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

SECTION 5 – SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE

Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unlawful, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its adoption.

Approval of Proposal and Agreement with Mosely Architects for Jail Feasibility Study

County Manager Bone recalled the ongoing discussion with the current jail partner Bertie County, and Chowan County, who had asked to be considered to be a potential partner in the jail partnership for Bertie-Martin Regional Jail (BMRJ).

County Manager Bone recalled the Boards of Commissioners of Martin, Bertie and Chowan Counties held a joint meeting about this matter on March 28, 2019. All three counties agreed to move forward, with the understanding that the cost of the study would be negotiated by the three

County Managers after a qualifications-based selection process and approved by the Boards of Commissioners of Bertie County, Martin County and Chowan County before the contract was awarded.

County Manager Bone stated interviews for the Bertie-Martin Regional Jail Feasibility Study Consultants were held on June 12, 2019. The BMRJ Board met on June 13, 2019 and agreed to move forward with negotiations Moseley Architects.

Moseley drafted a scope of services and fee proposal. The county managers negotiated a reduction in the fee, and revised proposal was submitted. The revised proposal included:

- \$48,750 fee for Moseley's services;
- \$20,000 fee for Davenport's financial analysis; and
- \$6,000 for travel-related expenses

\$74,750 – TOTAL PROPOSED FEE

County Manager Bone stated the proposal required approval from each county Board of Commissioners. County Manager Bone reported the Bertie County Commissioners had discussed the proposal, but they had not taken action yet. Bertie County Commissioners may pursue another joint meeting of all three boards. Chowan County would have this item on their agenda the following week.

Commissioner Smith stated he could foresee a jail being built in Bertie County from a long-term standpoint, and stated there were funds available for regional projects and opportunity zone projects (state and private funds).

Vice Chairman Bond made a MOTION to approve the proposal from Moseley Architects, with a SECOND from Commissioner Lilley. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

Martin County Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant Application

County Manager Bone recalled Martin County applied for a Bike or Pedestrian Planning grant in 2018 but was unsuccessful. Hopefully, Martin County would be more successful with this round. A request of \$45,000 was included in the grant application. A \$9,000 local match would be required.

The Mid-East Commission has offered to assist Martin County with a Bike and Pedestrian Plan, if a grant was received. The Town of Williamston and their Planning Department would also support this effort.

The Board of Commissioners was asked to adopt the resolution in support of a Martin County application to the NC Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant program.

Commissioner Smith made a MOTION to adopt the resolution in support of a Martin County application to the NC Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant program, with a SECOND from Vice Chairman Bond. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

**RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE APPLICATION FOR
BICYCLE PLANNING GRANT FUNDS BY MARTIN COUNTY**

Whereas, North Carolina General Statutes 136-211 enacted Jul 6, 2000, provides for the establishment of Rural Transportation Planning Organizations (RPO's) to provide rural entities a cooperative and unified voice in project selection and funding and to enhance their involvement in integrated multimodal transportation planning; and,

Whereas, the Transportation Advisory Committee is the duly recognized transportation decision-making body of the Mid-East Rural Planning Organization; and,

Whereas, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division of Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation has established a Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning Grant which provides funding to projects that will result in comprehensive local bicycle and pedestrian plans; and,

Whereas, Martin County is committed to creating a comprehensive bicycle plan; and,

Whereas, Martin County sees this grant as an opportunity to help frame bicycle development patterns in infrastructure improvements, policy development, as well as helping shape education and outreach to the general community; and,

Whereas, it is expected that the total cost of the plan will be \$45,000 with the County liable for a 20% match of funds in the amount of \$9,000;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Martin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes and endorses the application to the North Carolina Department of Transportation for the said funds to do the bicycle planning work.

Budget Amendment(s)

County Manager Bone presented the Budget Amendment requests to the Board of Commissioners in Finance Director Cindy Ange's absence.

Commissioner Smith made a MOTION to APPROVE Budget Amendments 1, 2 and 3, with a SECOND from Commissioner Lilley. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

Budget Amendment #1

The Martin County Veterans Services office received a \$3,000 grant from the Vidant Bertie Hospital Development Council last fiscal year. All of the grant was not utilized last year, and the grantor extended the time period in which the funds may be used. The grant provided funds to transport veterans to medical appointments. Transportation would be provided by Martin County Transit. Approximately 200 veterans can be served through this grant.

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, 2020.

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

	Increase	Decrease
Human Services		
Veterans Services	\$1,903	

This will result in an increase of \$1,903 in the expenditures of the General Fund. To provide an increase in the revenues for the above, the following revenues will be changed.

Restricted Intergovernmental	\$1,903
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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.

Budget Amendment #2

The Martin County Cooperative Extension office received a \$5,000 grant from the Vidant Bertie Hospital Development Council Community Benefit Grant. These funds would be used for the Eat Smart Move More program and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. Martin County originally budgeted to receive \$3,000.

In addition, a grant from last fiscal year was not completed. An amendment to re-appropriate the remaining funds was included.

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, 2020.

Section 1. To amend the 4-H Fund, the expenditures are to be changed as follows.

	Increase	Decrease
Economic & Physical Development		
Cooperative Extension	\$3,348	

This will result in an increase of \$3,348 in the expenditures of the 4-HI Fund. To provide an increase in the revenues for the above, the following revenues will be changed.

Restricted Revenue	\$2,000
Fund Balance	\$1,348

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.

Budget Amendment #3

The NC Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Aging, awarded Martin County Adult and Aging Services an additional \$2,353 over the budgeted amount of \$280,000 for fiscal year 219-2020. The Aging grant provided many services including home delivered meals, medical and general transportation, the exercise program, and in-home care.

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, 2020.

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

	Increase	Decrease
Human Services		
Adult & Aging Services	\$2,353	

This will result in an increase of \$2,353 in the expenditures of the General Fund. To provide an increase in the revenues for the above, the following revenues will be changed.

Restricted Intergovernmental	\$2,353
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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.

BOARD REPORTS / COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Smith discussed his recent trip to Washington D.C. on August 8, 2019. Commissioner Smith stated it was a very informative opportunity. Commissioner Smith also discussed his upcoming conference with NCACC in Guilford County, NC. Commissioner Smith spoke about his role with the YouthVoice Summit, and the various opportunities that were available for those students.

No other comments were offered.

CLOSED SESSION – NC G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5) Contract Negotiations

At 8:04 p.m., Vice Chairman Bond made a MOTION to enter closed session pursuant to NC G. S. 143-318.11(a)(5) - Contract Negotiations , with a SECOND from Commissioner Lilley. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

At 8:19 p.m., Vice Chairman Bond made a MOTION to end the closed session, with a SECOND from Commissioner Lilley. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

No action was taken in open session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Lilley made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting, with a SECOND from Vice Chairman Bond. Chairman Bowen adjourned the meeting at

8:20 p.m. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Boardroom.

Tommy Bowen, Chairman

Jessica Godard, Clerk to the Board