

August 12, 2020

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom at the Martin County Governmental Center, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, North Carolina.

ASSEMBLY

Present in the Boardroom: Chairman Tommy Bowen, Vice Chairman Dempsey Bond, Jr., Commissioner Elmo “Butch” Lilley, County Manager David Bone, Clerk to the Board Jessica Godard, County Attorney Richard James, Sheriff Tim Manning, and Chief Deputy Drew Robinson.

Present via Cisco WebEx: Commissioner Ronnie Smith, Commissioner Joe R. Ayers, Finance Officer/Deputy Clerk Cindy Ange, and LFNC Fellow Elizabeth Mitchell.

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

A roll call was performed and a quorum was present.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice Chairman Bond made a MOTION to approve the agenda as presented, with a SECOND by Commissioner Lilley. The Board unanimously APPROVED the motion (5-0).

Aye:

Chairman Bowen
Vice Chairman Bond
Commissioner Lilley
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Ayers

Nay:

PUBLIC COMMENTS

County Manager Bone stated there were no written comments submitted to the Clerk prior to the meeting. In order to maintain transparency, a brief moment was observed to allow anyone watching Facebook live to provide comments. No comments were offered on the Facebook live stream.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

Aye:

Chairman Bowen
Vice Chairman Bond
Commissioner Lilley

Nay:

Commissioner Smith
 Commissioner Ayers

1. **Minutes** for July 8, 2020 Regular Session and Closed Sessions
 July 15, 2020 Joint Meeting
 July 23, 2020 Special Called Meeting
2. **Financial Report** for June 2020
3. **Tax Assessor – Tax Refund Requests – July 2020 -- None**
4. **Tax Assessor – Tax Relief Orders –July 2020**

Year Levy	Lname	Fname	Reason	Value	Total
2020	Griffin	Ira Frederick Jr	Correction		86.20
2020	Griffin	Ira Frederick Jr	Correction		84.17
2020	Griffin	Ira Frederick Jr	Correction		84.17
2020	Glaze	Oscar L	Correction		46.05
2020	Glaze	Oscar L	Correction		43.95
2020	Glaze	Oscar L	Correction		43.95
2020	Bowen	James	Correction		212.50
			<i>Total Real & Personal Releases</i>		\$600.99
2020	Heath	Van Robert	Over Assessment		18.48
			<i>Total VTS Refund Requests</i>		\$ 18.48

5. Tax Collector’s Report –July 2020

	Category	Jul-20	Jul-20 Y-T-D
Real Property	20	\$149,560.70	\$149,560.70
Personal Property	25	<u>\$4,691.84</u>	\$4,691.84
Total		\$154,252.31	\$154,252.31
Motor Vehicle	30	<u>\$33.55</u>	<u>\$33.55</u>
Total MV		\$33.55	\$33.55
All Total		\$154,286.09	\$154,286.09

6. Tax Collector – 2019-20 Annual Tax Settlement Report

Tax Collector Christie Blevins submitted the following Tax Settlement Report for 2019-2020:

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, 2020

Taxes Receivable July 1, 2019	\$3,221,709.44	
Fees Added (Returned Check, Advertising, Garnishment)	\$10,329.00	
Net Beginning Balance, July 1, 2019	<u>\$3,232,038.44</u>	
Tax Levy for 2019-2020	\$17,678,411.87	
Total Taxes Charged to Tax Collector, Including years 2009-2019		\$20,910,450.31
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Collection of Principal	\$17,280,301.84	
Write-off of 2009 Delinquents to Conform to Audit Report	-\$52,326.62	
General Write-offs 2009-2020 (Over/Under Payments)	-\$56.48	
Releases	-\$29,294.48	
Adjustments	\$3,626.85	
Refunds	\$44,772.40	
Discounts	-\$867.35	
Total Credits and Adjustments		\$17,314,447.52
Total Receivable as of June 30,2020		<u>\$3,596,002.79</u>
Cash Collections Summary		
Principal amount of taxes	\$17,288,779.89	
Interest	\$217,549.73	
Over/Short Net Balance	\$0.00	
Total Cash Deposit (Automated)		<u>\$17,506,329.62</u>

7. Order to Collect Taxes

NC G. S. § 105-321 states that before delivering the tax receipts to the tax collector in any year, the board of county commissioners or municipal governing body shall adopt and enter in its minutes an order directing the tax collector to collect taxes charged in the tax records and receipts. A copy of this order shall be delivered to the tax collector at the time the tax receipts are delivered to him, *but the failure to do so shall not affect the tax collector's rights and duties to employ the means of collecting taxes provided by this Subchapter.*

The Board of Commissioners APPROVED the order to collect taxes, as part of the consent agenda.

To the Tax Collector of the County of Martin:

You are hereby authorized, empowered, and commanded to collect the taxes set forth in the tax records filed in the offices of the Martin County Tax Assessor and Tax Collector and in the tax receipts herewith delivered to you, in the amounts and from the taxpayers likewise therein set forth *for fiscal year 2020-21*. Such taxes are hereby declared to be a first lien upon all real property of the respective taxpayers in the County of Martin, and this order shall be a full and sufficient authority to direct, require, and enable you to levy on and sell any real or personal property of such taxpayers, for and on account thereof, in accordance with law.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 12th day of August, 2020.

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 2020 meeting would be held in October 2020. The following list of delegates was approved, as part of the consent agenda.

Ms. Charlotte Griffin	Ms. Lula Council
Mr. Wesley Beddard	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 Dennis Anton
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. Tom Daly
Mayor Jerry McCrary	Mayor Joyce Whichard-Brown
Mr. Barney Conway	Mr. Ben Jones
Mayor James Goodrich	Mr. Jerry Jennings
Ms. Gretchen Byrum	NC Rep. Shelly Willingham
NC Senator Erica Smith	Ms. Betty Jo Shephard
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. Dennis Nwandu	Mr. Marshall Gill

Chapter 32.016 (B) of The Town of Williamston’s code of ordinance states “The Martin County Board of Commissioners has the authority to appoint members to represent the extraterritorial jurisdiction, but may concede the appointment to the Town Board of Commissioners”.

The Board of Commissioners was asked to appoint Mr. Ricky Coltrain to the Williamston ETJ Planning Board/Board of Adjustments. If approved, Mr. Coltrain would be completing an unexpired term for Mr. Jimmy Mobley, which would expire April 4, 2022.

The Board APPROVED the appointment of Mr. Coltrain, as part of the consent agenda.

9. Clerk Report included for informational purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S)

Martin County Cooperative Extension had recently hired a new Martin County 4-H agent, Mr. Desmond Miller. Interim County Extension Director Rod Gurganus was present via Cisco Webex to introduce Mr. Desmond Miller to the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Miller had been with Martin County Cooperative Extension for about one month and was working on making connections in the community and learning about Martin County.

Mr. Miller reported he was a native of North Carolina and a graduate of NC A&T University. Mr. Miller said he was excited to be in Martin County and looked forward to making great things happen.

Chairman Bowen welcomed Mr. Miller aboard as part of the Martin County family. Commissioner Lilley echoed Chairman Bowen’s comments. Commissioner Ronnie Smith stated Mr. Miller would be a welcomed addition not only to Cooperative Extension, but to the children of Martin County.

PRESENTATIONS

COVID-19 Update

MTW Deputy Health Director Vickey Manning provided an update regarding the status of COVID-19 to the Board of Commissioners. Ms. Manning provided the most up-to-date COVID-19 case numbers for North Carolina, the United States, and globally. Next, Ms. Manning shared the case numbers for Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington counties. These numbers included total cases, number of deaths, and number of recovered patients.

Ms. Manning then provided information regarding COVID-19 patients by age, gender, race, and ethnicity for Martin, Tyrrell, and Washington counties. Next, Ms. Manning reviewed cases by age, gender, race, and ethnicity for North Carolina. Also, a breakdown was given of percent of laboratory-confirmed COVID-19 cases with at least one high-risk underlying condition, by age (in North Carolina). Ms. Manning reviewed the three W’s – wear a face covering, wait 6 feet apart, and wash your hands.

Ms. Manning reported that as of August 11, 2020, there had been 3,272 Martin County residents that had been tested, which was 14% of the population. Tyrrell County had 631 residents that had been tested, which was 15.3% of their population, and Washington County had 1673 residents that

had been tested, representing 13.7% of their population. Ms. Manning reported on July 23rd, 2020 a mass testing event was held in Oak City where 70 people were tested. There was another event on August 6th, 2020 at East End school in Robersonville where 135 people were tested.

Ms. Manning stated testing continued to be available at each health department location by appointment, due to all of the regular clinics continuing. MTW continued to partner with Washington County Regional Hospital on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for mass testing events. No one would be turned away for an inability to pay at these events.

County Manager Bone recognized Ms. Manning on her recent promotion to Deputy Health Director. The Board thanked Ms. Manning for her presentation.

Cybersecurity Update

County Manager Bone stated Mr. Jeb Gardner was present at tonight's meeting to provide information regarding steps that were being taken to protect Martin County in regards to cybersecurity. County Manager Bone stated there had been various other units of government that had fallen victim to cybersecurity attacks, but Mr. Gardner was doing a great job at preventing that from happening in Martin County.

Mr. Gardner began with a brief background, stating ransomware was one of the biggest threat to any business because it generates money. Ransomware is malicious software designed to block and encrypt access to data unless a ransom is paid. This would be detrimental because all operations would be down (Tax office, Sheriff's Office, 9-1-1 operations, etc.) until data was restored. Ransomware was typically spread through phishing emails. In 2019, 966 government agencies, educational establishments, and healthcare providers were victims of ransomware attacks at a potential cost of over \$7.5 billion (cost of ransom, recovering services, and lost revenue). Next, Mr. Gardner showed a map of various government agencies that were victims of ransomware attacks in North Carolina between 2013 and 2020, along with the amount of ransom that was paid for each agency.

Mr. Gardner stated Martin County had subscribed to a cloud-based protection service against spam, email-borne virus (inbound and outbound), email-based malware, and phishing emails. Mr. Gardner reported in the previous 30 days, there were 66,670 emails that were blocked and 27,281 emails that were allowed, highlighting the large number of non-legitimate emails coming through the system.

Martin County was also using web and content filtering, through an inline security appliance to filter internet access for all county end points. The core features of the device were spyware and virus protection, policy based content filtering, preventing access to malicious and infected websites, and a web security agent (remote user protection). Mr. Gardner also showed a graphic that showed how many websites had been blocked over the lifetime of the device. The number of websites blocked was 112,423,612.

Next, Mr. Gardner highlighted recent changes that had been made to increase security. Those changes included:

- The Secureworks Security Operations Center was now monitoring all county network traffic. This service was provided by NC DIT for one year.

- Third party application patching had been deployed county-wide to all 224 endpoints (computers/servers). This was deemed as a high-risk area to our network security by the National Guard's security assessment.
- Network access devices have been hardened to meet several guidelines provided by the National Guard's Assessment team.
- Content filtering configurations are now restricting access to personal email on county-owned devices. This policy update was required to prevent circumvention of email security measures.
- The Web security agent for content filtering has been enabled for remote users and remote offices. This agent insures that all county-owned devices both on and off premises are protected.
- All end-of-life server operating systems excluding one system had been upgraded county-wide. All end-of-life client operating systems had been upgraded to Windows 10.

Up and coming changes included:

- A new employee security awareness training program was going live soon. All employees with county email addresses would be enrolled into training. Staff are the best line of defense against the bad actors and is a skillset needed for today's digital workplace.
- The Secureworks Security Operations center was working to enable a blocking state for increased Intrusion Protection. Several tuning sessions required before this change was made.
- Deployment of a new Active Directory logging solution to help track changes and logons. Logging helps mitigate the risk of privilege abuse, proves IT compliance and streamlines troubleshooting. This need was determined by the National Guard's Assessment.
- Continued network and system access hardening Countywide to meet industry standards.
- Security Assessment focused on 911 PSAP infrastructure and systems.

County Manager Bone stated adding a full-time IT position was very beneficial for the County and he thanked the Board for their support, stating Mr. Gardner does a great job. County Manager Bone reported Mr. Gardner had obtained a scholarship from National Association of Counties to complete a Cybersecurity leadership training class to add to his knowledge and experience.

Commissioner Smith asked about personal email accounts and Mr. Gardner stated county-owned computers and laptops would block personal email platforms (yahoo, g-mail, etc.). Office 365 was the only email server allowed on county-owned devices on the county network.

Commissioner Lilley commended Mr. Gardner for his efforts, stating he was very knowledgeable and the County was lucky to have him aboard.

OLD BUSINESS -- None

NEW BUSINESS

Debris Management Contract

When a disaster or emergency that generates large amounts of debris occurs, eligible applicants (State governments, local governments, or authorized Tribal organizations) may request Public

Assistance (PA) grant funding from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to offset expenses incurred from debris removal. This was last done in Martin County after Hurricane Irene in 2011.

County Manager Bone stated Martin County wanted to have a relationship in place with a contractor, in the event an emergency declaration was made following Hurricane Isiais.

Martin County has contracted with Roberson Contracting, Inc. and NC Infrastructure LLC (principal formerly conducted business as Roberson Contracting, Inc.) in the past for debris management.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for debris management had been distributed. Proposals were due August 10, 2020. Staff reviewed the bids received on August 10th, 2020. Four responses were received. One response was deemed ineligible due to not having a full bid package.

Based on the review of the bids received, it was recommended that Martin County consider Roberson Contracting, Inc. for debris removal.

Commissioner Lilley made a MOTION to accept the debris removal contract from Roberson Contracting, Inc., with a SECOND from Vice Chairman Bond. A roll call vote was taken, the Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

Aye:

Chairman Bowen
Vice Chairman Bond
Commissioner Lilley
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Ayers

Nay:

Debris Monitoring Contract

County Manager Bone stated if Martin County had a contractor that was picking up debris, FEMA required there be someone else to monitor that contract. That monitoring could be done in-house if there was sufficient staff. Martin County did not have a large enough staff. In this case, FEMA does allow for a third-party to come in to provide the monitoring service. The cost would be covered by FEMA, as well.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) for debris monitoring had been distributed. Proposals were due August 10, 2020. Only one bid was received, which was from Debris Tech LLC out of Mississippi. This company had received positive feedback from Pamlico County Emergency Services staff. Staff recommended that the Board of Commissioners approve the debris monitoring contract with Debris Tech, LLC.

Commissioner Smith inquired on how the debris monitoring contractors were paid (the debris removal contractors were paid by the amount of tonnage removed). County Manager Bone stated he would get that information from Emergency Management Director Jody Griffin and pass that along.

Commissioner Lilley stated since there was only one response, the Board needed to go ahead and vote on the contract. Commissioner Smith stated his question was just for informational purpose, and not to delay the vote.

Commissioner Lilley made a MOTION to approve the debris monitoring contract with Debris Tech LLC, with a SECOND from Vice Chairman Bond. A roll call vote was taken and the motion was APPROVED unanimously.

Aye:

Chairman Bowen
Vice Chairman Bond
Commissioner Lilley
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Ayers

Nay:

County Manager Bone provided follow-up to Commissioner Smith's question regarding how debris monitoring contractors would be paid/reimbursed, stating it was on a per-hour basis.

Resolution Concerning Water Payment Plans due to Executive Orders 124 and 142

County Manager Bone recalled due to COVID-19, on March 31, 2020, Governor Roy Cooper issued Executive Order 124 that prohibited utilities from terminating service of residential customers for non-payment and charging residential service late fees and penalties while the Executive Order was in effect.

Executive Order 124 expired on June 1, 2020; and Executive Order 142 was issued to extend Executive Order 124 for 60 days.

County Manager Bone stated upon expiration of Executive Order 124 & 142, utilities must offer customers the opportunity to make reasonable payment arrangements to pay off over at least a 6-month period any arrearages accumulated during the effective period of Executive Order 124 and Executive Order 142.

The following resolution confirms the process for these payment plans. This was with guidance from the UNC School of Government. Due to the strict timetable for this situation, a letter detailing the process had been sent to water customers.

Commissioner Smith stated local government understood the rules regarding utilities and cutoff, but stated many residential and commercial landlords did not understand the rules regarding fees and late payment penalties. Commissioner Smith stated the information needed to be made known to residential and commercial landlords so they do not violate the rules. County Manager Bone stated the current resolution was only in reference to water bill payments for Martin County Water District 1 and 2 customers. Commissioner Ronnie Smith stated he understood that, but would like to make sure the newspaper wrote this information in the paper so landlords and residents were aware.

Commissioner Smith made a MOTION to approve the Resolution Approving Martin County's Response to the Expiration of COVID-19 Executive Order (EO) 124 & 142 for Utility Payment

Plans, Disconnections, and Late Fees and Penalties, with a SECOND from Vice Chairman Bond. A roll call vote was taken and the Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

Aye:

Chairman Bowen
Vice Chairman Bond
Commissioner Lilley
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Ayers

Nay:

RESOLUTION APPROVING MARTIN COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO THE EXPIRATION OF COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER (EO) 124 & 142 FOR UTILITY PAYMENT PLANS, DISCONNECTIONS AND LATE FEES AND PENALITES

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of Martin County, North Carolina have approved the *Rules and Regulations of Martin County Water and Sewer Districts #1 and #2*; and

WHEREAS, Martin County desires to add additional procedures regarding customers with an unpaid bill that has a due date before July 29, 2020; and

WHEREAS, all other unpaid bills that have a due date after July 29, 2020, will be handled as stated in the County's adopted *Rules and Regulations of Martin County Water and Sewer Districts #1 and #2*; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Governor of North Carolina approved Executive Order 124 that prohibited utilities from terminating service of residential customers for non-payment and charging residential service late fees and penalties; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 124 expired on June 1, 2020; and Executive Order 142 was issued to extend Executive Order 124 for 60 days; and

WHEREAS, upon expiration of Executive Order 124 & 142, utilities must offer customers the opportunity to make reasonable payment arrangements to pay off over at least a 6-month period any arrearages accumulated during the effective period of Executive Order 124 and Executive Order 142.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Martin County Board of Commissioners that the resolution terms be adopted as follows:

- The customer will select the term and payment amount from the "Payment Plan Application" mailed to the customer, sign, date and return the application to the Water Department Office prior to August 20, 2020. The customer may select a minimum six-month term and maximum nine-month term.
- The first payment on the Payment Plan is due August 20, 2020.
- The customer must pay their regular monthly bill and the Payment Plan amount by the due date of the 20th of each month. Failure to pay by the due date will result in a 15% Late Penalty added to the regular monthly bill on the 21st. Failure to pay the past due regular monthly bill or the past due payment plan amount by the 5th of the next month will result in disconnection of water service.

- The customer must sign up for a payment plan by August 20, 2020 to avoid possible disconnection of water service.
- Partial payments will be applied to the currently due Payment Plan amount first. Any payment remaining will be applied to the regular monthly bill. Regular Water Bill balances remaining past the due date of the 20th will be subject to the 15% Late Penalty on the 21st and service will be disconnected if not paid by the 5th of the next month.
- A service disconnected for noncompliance with these terms will not be reconnected until the past due Payment Plan payment, the past due regular monthly bill, the current regular monthly bill, and Late Penalties that may have been assessed to regular water bills that became due after July 29, 2020, and a Reconnection Fee of \$35.00 have all been paid.

Adopted this 12th day of August, 2020.

Resolution Declaring August 2020 Child Support Awareness Month in Martin County

Since 1995, August has been recognized as Child Support Awareness month. Child support can open doors of opportunity for many children, and by assisting parents to be able to make their payments, will also open doors for that parent to stay involved in that child’s life. Child Support Awareness Month is a great opportunity to ensure programs are in place and ready to assist in this critical area of need for all families.

County Manager Bone stated the Board had adopted similar resolutions in the past.

Commissioner Ayers made a MOTION to approve the Resolution Declaring August 2020 Child Support Awareness Month in Martin County, with a SECOND from Vice Chairman Bond. A roll call vote was taken, and the Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

Aye:
 Chairman Bowen
 Vice Chairman Bond
 Commissioner Lilley
 Commissioner Smith
 Commissioner Ayers

Nay:

**County of Martin
 Resolution Declaring August 2020
 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 2019-20, more than \$2.8 million in child support was collected from parents of Martin Counties children, and

WHEREAS, there are nearly 1900 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, We, the Martin County Board of Commissioners, do hereby declare August 2020, as "CHILD SUPPORT AWARENESS MONTH" in Martin County, and commend its observance to all citizens.

Adopted this 12th day of August, 2020.

BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Budget Amendment #4

The Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services had allocated an additional \$338,812 to Martin County Soil and Water District to conduct vegetative debris removal in streams in Martin County. These funds were in addition to the \$949,395 previously allocated to the District, bringing the total allocation to \$1,288,207.

District Director Lynn Whitehurst was currently working on a bid package for the contractors. Director Whitehurst will be focusing on Bear Grass Swamp, Conoho Creek, Ready Branch, and Peter Swamp.

Chairman Bond stated this project was great for Martin County. Commissioner Lilley echoed, stating Mr. Whitehurst had done a great job.

Commissioner Lilley made a MOTION to approve Budget Amendment #4, with a SECOND from Commissioner Bond. There was a roll call vote taken, and the Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers and Commissioner Smith commended Mr. Whitehurst and his organization on their good and hard work.

Aye:

Chairman Bowen
Vice Chairman Bond
Commissioner Lilley

Nay:

Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Ayers

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-4

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
Economic & Physical Development		
Soil and Water	\$ 338,812	

This will result in an increase of \$338,812 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	\$ 338,812
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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 #5

The Sheriff's Office had received two grant awards totally \$51,150. The first grant was from the Governor's Crime Commission through the NC Department of Public Safety and the US Department of Justice for \$16,150. The Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) Program allows units to support a broad range of activities to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus. Funded projects or initiatives may include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment, hiring, supplies, training, travel expenses, and addressing the medical needs of inmates in prison, jails, and detention centers. The Sheriff planned to use this grant to purchase radios, transport cages for patrol cars, and a handcuff sanitizer.

The second award was a \$35,000 Edward Byrne JAG grant through the NC Department of Public Safety and the Governor's Crime Commission. This grant was awarded to prepare for an active shooter in our schools and would be used to purchase door locking devices to aid in school lockdowns, and "stop the bleed" kits for the deputies' cars.

Vice Chairman Bond made a MOTION to approve Budget Amendment #5, with a SECOND from Commissioner Lilley. A roll call vote was taken, and the Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

Aye:

Chairman Bowen
Vice Chairman Bond
Commissioner Lilley
Commissioner Smith
Commissioner Ayers

Nay:

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-5

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, 2021.

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

	Increase	Decrease
Public Safety		
Sheriff's Office	\$ 51,150	

This will result in an increase of \$51,150 in the expenditures of the General Fund. To provide an increase in the revenues for the above, the following revenues will be changed.

Restricted Revenue	\$ 51,150
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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

None were offered.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice Chairman Bond made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting, with a SECOND from Commissioner Lilley. Chairman Bowen adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. The next regular meeting would be held on Wednesday, September 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Boardroom.

Tommy Bowen, Chairman

Jessica Godard, Clerk to the Board