

**August 25, 2021**

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in Special Session with the Martin County Board of Education on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Martin County Board of Commissioners Board Room, 305 East Main Street, Williamston, NC 27892.

**ASSEMBLY**

Martin County Board of Commissioners and staff in attendance: Chairman Ronnie Smith, Vice Chairman Dempsey Bond, Jr., Commissioner Joe Ayers, Commissioner Emily Biggs, Commissioner David "Skip" Gurganus, County Manager James Bennett, Clerk to the Board Julia Rease, Finance Officer Cindy Ange and Sheriff Tim Manning.

Present via Webex: None

Chairman/Commissioner Smith called the Board meeting to order at 7:00pm. Commissioner Biggs led the pledge of allegiance. Chairman Smith offered the invocation.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

County Commissioner Gurganus made a MOTION to approve the agenda as presented, with a Second by County Commissioner Biggs. The motion was APPROVED unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS - NONE**

**American Rescue Plan Funding and Premium Payments**

Chairman Smith asked the Clerk to the Board, Julia Rease to read the motion that was carried regarding ARP and Premium Payments, which stated that Commissioner Gurganus motioned to pay all county employees including the Sheriff's department and this was seconded by Commissioner Ayers.

Commissioner Bond Jr. Motioned to rescind the motion approving all employees including the Sheriff's department, \$1,000 in premium pay from American Rescue Funds with a Second by Commissioner Biggs. Motion was Carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gurganus made a Motion to pay all full time and part time employees that have been employed before \$1,000 in premium pay for all employees with a Second from Commissioner Biggs. Motion was carried unanimously.

Chairman Smith stated that the payments would apply to employees who have been employed before August 19, 2021

**BOARD DISCUSSION- NONE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

With nothing further to discuss, Commissioner Ayers made a MOTION to adjourn at 7:08 p.m., with a SECOND from Commissioner Biggs. The Board APPROVED the motion unanimously.

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Ronnie Smith, Chairman

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Julia S. Rease  
Clerk to the Board