

July 14, 2021

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Monthly Session on Wednesday, June 14th, 2021, 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 Ronnie Smith, Vice Chairman Dempsey Bond, Jr., Commissioner Joe. R. Ayers, Commissioner Emily Biggs, Commissioner David “Skip” Gurganus, County Manager James Bennett, Clerk to the Board Julia Rease and Finance Officer Cindy Ange.

Other Present in the boardroom Senior Minister Greg Sexton of Macedonia Christian Church, IT and Data Director Jeb Gardner, IT Support Specialist Austin Keel, Director of Social Services Angela Ellis, Transit Administrator Officer Frank Halsey, Sheriff Tim Manning, Chief Deputy Drew Robinson, NC Weeklies Leslie Beachboard, Martin County Tourism Development Authority Executive Director Barney Conway, Martin County Economic Development CEO and President Jason Semple.

Present via Cisco WebEx: Mayor of Bear Grass Charlotte Griffin.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Vice Chair Bond Jr. led the Pledge of Allegiance. Senior Minister Greg Sexton, Macedonia Christian Church, provided the invocation.

Chairman Smith welcomed all, including those in the lobby and viewing virtually.

AGENDA Approval

Chairman Smith made a MOTION to add the ABC Board Appointments to the Consent Agenda. Chairman Smith also asked that the Proposed Martin County Personnel Policy Changes-Exempt is tabled until the August 2021 meeting.

Commissioner Biggs made a MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as stated, with a SECOND by Vice Chair Bond Jr.

Commissioner Gurganus stated that he did not have enough time to read the closed session minutes and Chairman Smith offered to table approving the minutes until the next meeting in August. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Smith asked if there were any public comments. Facebook, emails, and the public comment sheets were checked for public comments and there were none. Sheriff Tim Manning checked the lobby public comment list for any public comments and there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Biggs made a MOTION to approve the Consent Agenda as stated, with a SECOND by Vice Chair Bond Jr. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

1. **Minutes** – May 12th, 2021 Regular & Closed Sessions Minutes – May 19th Special/Recessed May 26, 2021 Session & Closed Session Minutes – June 9th, 2021 Regular Session Minutes – June 29th, 2021 (June 30th, 2021 Rescheduled) Year End Budget Amendment(s)
2. **Financial Report – May 2021 & June 2021**
3. **Tax Assessor – Tax Refund Request – June 2021- None**
4. **Tax Assessor – Tax Relief Orders – June 2021**

Year Levy	Lname	Fname	Reason	Value	Total
2019	Peaden	Mickey Wayne	Error in Listing	-23,473	205.39
2020	Peaden	Mickey Wayne	Error in Listing	-22,534	197.18
			<i>Total Real & Personal Releases</i>		\$402.57
None	None	None	None		\$0.00
			<i>Total VTS Refund Requests</i>		\$0.00
			<i>Total Tax Relief Orders</i>		\$402.57

5. Tax Collector’s Report – June 2021

	Category	21-Jun	June-21 Y-T-D
Real Property	20	\$120,815.73	0.00
Personal Property	25	<u>\$12,637.51</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total		\$ 133,453.24	0.00
Motor Vehicle	30	<u>\$7,778.73</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total MV		\$7,778.73	0.00
All Total		\$ 141,231.97	\$0.00

6. Board Appointments/Reappointments

a. Animal Control Board of Appeals

The Martin County Animal Control Board was established as a quasi-judicial board in 2011 to oversee appeals regarding dogs that have been declared potentially dangerous, dangerous, or vicious. The Dangerous Dog Ordinance calls for a Board of Appeals. The Animal Control Board shall consist of five members: a Commissioner, Veterinarian, and three citizens at large.

The Chairman/Commissioner Representative position is vacant due to former Commissioner Tommy Bowen not being reelected. Commissioner Dempsey Bond, who now serves as Alternate

Commissioner Representative, consented to being reappointed as Commissioner Representative, under the conditions some other board member act as Chairman. This would leave the Alternate Commissioner Representative position vacant. Ms. Tonya Leggett has agreed to serve as Chairman, if reappointed.

The terms for the following individuals on the Animal Control Board expired April 30, 2021:

Name	Position Represented	Reappointment Term & Expiration Date
Vacant	Commissioner Rep	2 years, would expire 4/30/2023
Dempsey Bond, Jr.	Commissioner (Alternate)	2 years, would expire 4/30/2023
Steve Smith	Citizen-At-Large	2 years, would expire 4/30/2023
Tonya Leggett	Citizen-At-Large	3 years, would expire 4/30/2024
Dr. Gordon Rahmes	Alternate Veterinarian	3 years, would expire 4/30/2024
Wayne Peel	Alternate Citizen At-Large	3 years, would expire 4/30/2024

The Board is being asked to reappoint these persons for the terms shown above and to consider the appointment of an Alternate Commissioner Representative for the Animal Control Board of Appeals, as part of the Consent Agenda.

b. Home & Community Care Advisory Committee/Lead Agency

Section V-A.1 of the Development of the County Funding Plan for the Home & Community Care Block Grant states that it is the responsibility of the County Board of Commissioners to annually designate an agency or office within the county with the lead responsibility for planning and coordination of the County funding Plan.

The Martin County Adult & Aging Services Department continues to do a great job serving as the lead agency.

Section V-A.2 lists the appointment of a committee to serve as a Block Grant Advisory Committee to the lead agency for planning and coordination in the development of the County Funding Plan as a responsibility of the County Commissioners.

The Board is asked to consider designating Martin County Adult & Aging Services Department as the Lead Agency, and consider the approval of the board member appointments/ reappointments on the attached list.

c. Jury Commission

Clerk of Court Tonya Leggett requested that the Board of Commissioners reappoint Ms. Ontra Reddick for a two year term, which would expire June 30, 2023.

Staff recommends the reappointment of Ms. Ontra Reddick as requested.

d. Juvenile Crime Prevention Commission

In an email from James Ward received for the June 10th 2020 meeting, the Board of Commissioners was asked to appoint/reappoint the following individuals to the Martin County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council. Due to a clerical error, the appointments were not included in the minutes for June 10th 2020 adopted by the Board.

- Tracie Smith - Martin County Schools
- Lisa Bowen - Martin County Schools
- Jeremiah Jackson- Smithwick Chapel Year Round Enrichment Program (To replace the vacancy after the passing of Mr. Willie Peel)

The terms for Ms. Tracie Smith and Ms. Lisa Bowen would be for two years and would expire December 31, 2023. Mr. Jeremiah Jackson would be completing the unexpired term of Mr. Willie Peele which would expire December 31, 2022.

The Board of Commissioners is being asked to ratify/approve these appointments/reappointments as part of the Consent agenda.

e. Martin Community College Board of Trustees

On January 13th, 2021, the Board appointed Commissioner Biggs to complete the unexpired term of former Commissioner Tommy Bowen on the Martin Community College Board of Trustees. The term for Commissioner Emily Biggs expired on June 30, 2021. This appointment/reappointment would be a full term for 4 years for Commissioner Biggs and would expire June 30, 2025.

The appointment/reappointment has been included as part of the Consent Agenda for approval by the Board.

f. Mid-East Commission Board

The Mid-East Commission Board has a vacancy for Martin County Citizen Representative, due to the death of Mr. Willie Peele May 18, 2020. The term for Alternate Commissioner Representative Designee also expired December 31, 2020.

Chairman Ronnie Smith was reappointed by the Board of Commissioners as Commissioner Representative on March 11, 2020 for another two year term.

Chairman Smith recommended the appointment of Ms. Keisha Manson to replace Mr. Willie Peele on the Mid-East Commission Board. Vice Chairman Bond has agreed to serve as Alternate Commissioner Representative Designee, if reappointed by the Board.

The Board is asked to appointment Ms. Keisha Manson for Martin County Citizen Representative and Vice Chairman Bond as Alternate Commissioner Representative Designee as part of the Consent Agenda.

7. Resolution for Accepting American Rescue Plan Funding

MARTIN COUNTY RESOLUTION FOR ACCEPTING AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS

WHEREAS, the Martin County is eligible for funding from the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds of H.R. 1319 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (CSLRF).

WHEREAS, the North Carolina General Assembly will provide for the distribution of funds to eligible North Carolina counties and municipalities; and

WHEREAS, before receiving a payment, the Board of Commissioners is required to formally accept the CSLRF funds;

WHEREAS, revenue received under the CSLRF must only be spent for purposes authorized by the CSLRF, and applicable regulations, and by state law;

WHEREAS, revenue received under the CSLRF must be accounted for in a separate fund and not co-mingled with other revenue for accounting purposes; and

WHEREAS, Martin County must comply with all applicable budgeting, accounting, contracting, reporting, and other compliance requirements for CSLRF funds.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of Martin County that we do hereby accept and request CSLRF funding to be distributed by the State of North Carolina; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Martin County Board of Commissioners affirms that the CSLRF revenue will only be used for the purposes prescribed in the CSLRF, and in US Treasury guidance in 31 CFR, Part 35, and any applicable regulations, and in accordance with state law; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Martin County will comply with procedures created by the North Carolina General Assembly and the US Treasury Department to receive funds under the act; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that Martin County will account for CSLRF in a separate fund and not co-mingle it with other revenues for accounting purposes and will comply with all applicable federal and state budgeting, accounting, contracting, reporting, and other compliance requirements for CSLRF funds; and

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Martin County designates and directs the County Manager and the Finance Officer to take all actions necessary on behalf of Martin County Board of Commissioners to receive the CSLRF funds.

ADOPTED, this the ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

Ronnie Smith, Chairman

Julia S. Rease, Clerk of the Board

8. SSP Manual Section Four – Drug & Alcohol Testing Policy

Having begun on January 1, 2018, in addition to the existing DOT drug testing panel (that includes marijuana, cocaine, amphetamines, phencyclidine (PCP), and opiates), public transit employees were also tested for four semi-synthetic opioids (i.e. hydrocodone, oxycodone, hydromorphone, oxymorphone). Some common names for these semi-synthetic opioids include OxyContin, Percodan, Percocet, Vicodin, Lortab, Norco, Dilaudid, and Exalgo. If MCT employees test positive for any of the semi-synthetic opioid drugs, then as with any other drug test result that is confirmed by the laboratory, the Medical Review Officer (MRO) will conduct an interview with the MCT employee to determine if there is a legitimate medical explanation for the result. If the MCT employee has a valid prescription, he/she will present it to the MRO, who will determine if the prescription is valid. If a legitimate medical explanation is established, the MRO will report the result to the employer as a “negative”. If not, the MRO will report the result to the employer as “positive”. It is required that when the employer receives a “positive” drug test result, the employer is to immediately remove the employee from performing all safety-sensitive functions.

Sean Oswald of RLS and Associates emailed on April 13, 2021 a new template for the “Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy” to Frank Halsey Jr., Administrative Officer II for Martin County Transit. Sean Oswald informed Frank Halsey Jr. that this newer template had been developed for the public transportation systems to use as a result of recent DOT/FTA instructions. The NCDOT-IMD also is requiring transit systems to use this newest template and to incorporate that newest template with attachments into a local transit policy to be located in SSP Manual Section Four. As instructed this template was completed by the MCT administration for consideration of adoption.

The policy that is presented tonight consists of that new template as it was supplied by Sean Oswald with RLS and Associates. This newer policy will be contained within the SSP Manual (System Safety Program), Section Four, which is the section that governs the Drug and Alcohol Testing program for all MCT staff. The new policy would insure that the MCT operations are consistent with the current expectations related to drug and alcohol testing rules under USDOT and FTA. This policy is also consistent with the contents of the Martin County Personnel Policy concerning those drug and alcohol tests of safety-sensitive transit employees.

9. Use Public School Capital Fund for Career Tech Center – Needs-Based NC Education Lottery Funds

NC G. S. Chapter 18C provides that a portion of the NC's lottery proceeds are allocated to each county within the Public School Building Capital Fund (PSBCF) based on average daily membership (ADM) in accordance with N C G. S. 115C-546.2. The Public School Building Capital Fund is housed in the N.C. Department of Public Instruction and is comprised of two sources of revenue: a set-aside from the corporate income tax, known as the ADM fund, which was allotted based on average daily membership (ADM) in each county; and a percentage of the net proceeds from the N.C. Education lottery.

Monies in the Fund are used to pay for public school construction projects and to retire indebtedness incurred for school construction projects. PSBCF also may contain some residual corporate income tax distributions.

The Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund was established by S.L. 2017-57, Sec, 5.3, and modified by S. L. 2017-212, Sec, 1.1 and S.L. 2018-5, Sec. 5.3 The purpose of the fund is to assist lower wealth counties (development tier one and tier two counties) with their critical public school building capital needs. Grant funds may be utilized for a lease agreement per S.L. 2018-5, Section 5.3. (e2).

The attached application requests funds from lottery proceeds to assist in making the local match for the construction of the Career Tech Center.

A County board and school board must jointly apply to the NC Department of Public Instruction (NC DPI) on a project-by-project basis to access the monies in the Fund. The Martin County Board of Education approved the request at its June 29th, 2021 meeting.

10. **Clerk Report** included for informational purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S)

IT/ DATA Director Jeb Gardner, Mr. Austin Keel

First, Martin County IT and Data Director Jeb Gardner introduced his new employee, Mr. Austin Keel, to the board and stated that Mr. Keel was at the meeting to shadow Director Gardner as well. IT and Data Director Gardner stated that Mr. Keel is a Martin County native, attended Riverside High School, was enlisted as a Marine serving in Japan, Mr. Keel received his associates and has enrolled to attain his BA degree. IT/Data Director Gardner stated that Mr. Keel has been learning fast since being hired and he is excited to have Mr. Keel on board.

The Board of Commissioners thanked Mr. Keel and IT/Data Director Jeb Gardner.

DSS Director Angela Ellis, New Employees

Next, Martin County DSS Director Angela Ellis introduced six new employees that have been recently hired. DSS Director reported that most of the new employees were recruited from Elizabeth City State University and a several colleges were contacted to recruit more DSS employees. The new hires are:

T'Shaira Adams	Child Welfare Unit	Investigations, Assessments, and Treatment (I.A.T)
Dasia Hyder	Child Welfare Unit	Investigations, Assessments, and Treatment (I.A.T)
Dakita Applewhite	Child Welfare Unit	Foster care
Rebeca Harrison	Income Maintenance	Food and Nutrition (FNS)
Annabel Knox	Medicaid Unit	Medicaid Supervisor
Christian Little	Child Welfare Unit	Foster Care Supervisor

The Board of Commissioners thanked DSS Director Ellis, welcomed the new employees, and applauded DSS Director and staff on efforts to hire new employees.

PRESENTATIONS

COVID – 19 Update

MTW Health Vickey Manning presented the COVID – 19 Update. MTW Health Vickey Manning reported a decline in COVID – 19 Cases for Martin County and stated that Martin County as of July 14, 2021 had 7 cases. Mrs. Manning stated that North Carolina was in the top 10 with rises in cases, third in the nation with the highest number of deaths.

Next, MTW Health Vickey Manning reported on the COVID – 19 Delta strand in that it is easier to transmit, there was no data on differences in symptoms from the original strand, and that there were no “breakthrough” case in Martin County, but other areas. Health Director Vickey Manning stated that “breakthrough” cases were cases in which vaccinated individuals contract COVID- 19. MTW Health Vickey Manning shared the past history of vaccinations being targeted to the elderly population due to the threat that their immune systems were not strong enough to fight the virus, therefore the elderly population is mostly vaccinated. Therefore there is a large amount of the youth that have not been vaccinated and may be in danger of contracted the DELTA strand.

MTW Vickey Manning made the Board aware of the health departments efforts to vaccinate as many people as possible/ MTW Manning reported that the department conducted 70 vaccinations at Flagstone Foods, the health department and Transit were working together to provide free vaccination rides, and the Health Department was speaking with the school system to plan vaccination opportunities for children.

Commissioner Gurganus asked if MTW Health Manning knew the percentages of vaccination rates as of today and Manning stated she would get the percentages to Commissioner Gurganus

when she found out. Chairman Smith added that the surrounding counties, had a vaccination rate between 30%-51% and MTW Health Manning agreed.

The Board thanked Mrs. Manning for her presentation and efforts made to provide vaccinations and information on the virus.

Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate – Deputy Robert Dalzell/ Sheriff Tim Manning

Martin County Sheriff Tim Manning presented Deputy Robert Dalzell to the Board of Commissioners as an awardee of the Advanced Law Certificate. Sheriff Manning reported that Deputy Dalzell took his Oath of Office in 2014, attended Pitt Community College from 2008-2011, attended East Carolina University graduating in 2013 with a Criminal Justice degree, and completed 540 hours of classroom training in six years with the department. Sheriff Manning reported that three of four more officers may receive the same award in the future. Sheriff Manning also stated that the amount of hours earned by Deputy Dalzell means that Deputy Dalzell is one of the most trained officers. Sheriff Manning stated his goal was to make sure that all officers were trained properly to give the best service to the community and presented the framed certificate to Deputy Dalzell. Deputy Dalzell thanked Sheriff Tim Manning and the Board of Commissioners. Deputy Dalzell took pictures with his mother, father, and aunt whom were very proud.

All Commissioners thanked and expressed their appreciation for Deputy Dalzell and congratulated him on his achievements.

Martin County 4H / Youth Task Force – 4-H Agent Desmond Miller Budget Amendment #48

4-H Agent Desmond Miller greeted the Board of Commissioners and presented the goals and plans of the Martin County Youth Task Force. 4-H Agent Miller reported that Martin County had 16 youth programs and most grant monies were being sponsored by NC Agriculture and Technical State University (NC A&T SU) and NC State University. 4H Miller expressed the need to work together to receive grant monies instead of fighting for the same monies. 4-H Agent Miller stated that the purpose of the Youth Task Force was to bring the youth programs in Martin County as well as volunteers together to assemble a board.

4-H Agent Miller announced that NC A&T SU highlighted Princess Foster of the Extension Collaborative last Friday at 12:00pm for the success of the Martin County Community Garden and gave the department a grant today. Lastly, 4-H Agent Desmond Miller announced that the department hosts livestock and poultry shows and invited everyone to get involved.

Chairman Smith thanked 4-H Agent Miller for all that he has done for the youth of Martin County and stated that 4-H Agent Desmond Miller was opening doors for the youth of Martin County by networking and looking for funding through grants and sponsorships.

Commissioner Gurganus stated that he attended 4-H in his youth, in which he was able to learn to raise chickens and farm. Commissioner Gurganus reported that he had land in Hamilton, NC and offered it to the program. 4-H Agent Miller accepted the offer, thanked Commissioner Gurganus,

and stated that he would contact Commissioner Gurganus to make a plan for the land offered. Commissioner Gurganus agreed and also offered any assistance with the youth programs.

OLD BUSINESS

Proposed Martin County Personnel Policy Changes – Exempt/Salaries Employees Compensatory Time

Exempt employees, while covered by The Fair Labor Standard Act (FLSA), are exempt from the minimum wage and overtime provisions of the act. Exempt employees do not earn compensatory time, effective July 1, 2021.

At the June 9th, 2021 Regular Board meeting, the Board voted to table this agenda item until later.

Chairman Smith MOTIONED to table this item during the Consent Agenda for further research until the August meeting. Motion was SECONDED by Commissioner Biggs. Motion CARRIED unanimously with no further discussion or questions.

Approve Medicaid Managed Care Provider Agreement – Modivcare Solutions, LLC/Martin County Transit

In 2015, the NC General Assembly enacted Session Law 2015-245, which directed the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) to transition Medicaid and NC Health Choice from fee-for-service to managed care.

With managed care, North Carolina will contract directly with insurance companies called “Prepaid Health Plans”, or PHPs. This model is known as NC Medicaid Managed Care. Beneficiaries will be able to choose their health plan and primary care provider (PCP) and have new support systems available to help them make that choice. The Primary Health Providers (PHP) available statewide are:

- AmeriHealth Caritas North Carolina, Inc.
- Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina
- Carolina Complete Health
- United Healthcare of North Carolina, Inc.
- Wellcare of North Carolina, Inc.

As a result of Medicaid transformation, Non-Emergency Medical Transportation (NEMT) will change how we serve customers through Martin County Transit (MCT). Beneficiaries under the NC Medicaid Managed Care program will have to request medical transportation through the transportation broker that represents their PHP. There are two transportation brokers that represent the prepaid health plans. Martin County Transit will also provide Medicare Transportation under these same agreements.

- **One Call** represents Wellcare of North Carolina.
- On June 9, 2021, the Martin County Board of Commissioners did approve the agreement with One Call. It was signed by the Board Chairman.

- **Modivcare** (formerly *Logisticare*) represents Blue Cross and Blue Shield of NC, AmeriHealth Caritas of North Carolina, United Healthcare and Carolina Complete Health. (Carolina Complete Health does not provide services statewide – it provides services in two of the six regions of the state.)

Martin County DSS Director Angela Ellis and Transit Administrator Officer Frank Halsey discussed the Modivcare Solutions, LLC Agreement that was tabled at the last Board of Commissioners Meeting due to the need of a clean copy agreement.

DSS Director Ellis reported changes in Medicaid at a state level in which the agreement between One Call and Modivcare would need to be approved as the brokers for the Transit Department. The One Call agreement was approved in the June 9th, 2021 meeting.

Chairman Smith expressed his concern for citizens who might not understand the Medicaid transformations.

DSS Director Ellis agreed and reported issues with patients not being able to be served due to applications not being received. DSS Director Ellis stated that the NC Department of Transportation sent reports to the state after several complaints.

MOTION to approve Medicaid Managed Care Provider Agreement – Modivcare Solutions, LLC/Martin County Transit by _____ and **SECONDED** by _____

NEW BUSINESS

Airport MCZ – Work Authorization #1(Previously WA #8) – T Hangars (Design & Bidding) – WK Dickson

County Manager U. James Bennett reported changes in the agreement with WK Dickson regarding the Martin County Airport T Hangars. County Manager reported the Federal Agency of Airports indicated that WK Dickson overestimated \$3,000 of work in the contract and the contract was rewritten to correct this overestimation. County Manager Bennett also reported that Martin County was to pay 10% of the construction, but the 10% was covered by the CARES Act funds.

The Martin County desires to proceed with design, permitting and bidding services for the T-Hangars project at the Martin County Airport (MCZ). The airport currently has a hangar waiting list and is in need of additional T-Hangars. The project will ultimately bring additional aircraft to the Airport and increase revenue. This project is included on the airport's Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) project request list and the current Airport Layout Plan (ALP) that was conditionally approved on May 5, 2006.

The project is expected to be completely funded (100%) by FAA Non-Primary Entitlement (NPE) funds. The intent of this project is to construct a 10-unit T-Hangar building in the general location shown on Exhibit 1(attached). The project will include construction of five individual hangar bay drives tying into the existing taxilane on the south side of the building. Access to the north side of the building will be provided by an upcoming T-Hangar Taxilanes project. Wetland mitigation is anticipated due to impacts to an existing wetland area located within the hangar footprint.

Design shall be in accordance with the following FAA Advisory Circulars:

- 150/5300-13A – Change 1: Airport Design
- 150/5370-2G: Operational Safety on Airports During Construction
- 150/5370-10H: Standards for Specifying Construction of Airports

The scope of services to be provided by WK Dickson to assist the Martin County with this project are project management and grant administration, design and plan preparation, erosion and sediment control permit, documented CATEX, QC and constructability review, topographic survey, and geotechnical investigation services.

WK Dickson was informed by the Independent Fee Estimate (IFE) the original quote was higher than recommended. As a result, W K Dickson reduced its work by 28 total hours, which brought the quote in line with the independent consultant, reducing cost by \$3,138. The plan and design is still the same as the original and includes the work that is known to be required for this project.

MOTION to approve changes in Work Authorization #1(Previously WA #8) T Hangars (Design & Bidding) with WK Dickson by Commissioner Ayers and SECONDED by Vice Chair Bond Jr. Motion CARRIED unanimously with no further discussion or questions.

Designation of Voting Delegate to NCACC's 114th Annual Conference, August 2021

The NCACC 114th Annual Conference (August 12-14, 2021) Business Session will be held in New Hanover County on Saturday, August 14, at 12:45 p.m. Each county will be entitled to one vote on items that come before the membership, including the election of the NCACC Second Vice President.

In order to facilitate the voting process, each county has been asked to designate one voting delegate (*and also may assign one alternate voting delegate*) prior to Annual Conference using the attached Designation of Voting Delegate form.

Counties must return the completed form email by close of business Monday, August 9, 2021. Chairman Smith discussed the Board of Commissioners recent travel to Prince George's County, Maryland for the National Association of County Officials (NACo) for its annual conference. Chairman Smith also announced that Commissioner Emily Biggs was the NACo Voting Delegate on her first attendance to the NACo Conference as a commissioner. Chairman Smith asked Commissioner Biggs if there was anything she would like to announce.

Commissioner Biggs stated that she was thankful to participate in the NACo Annual Conference, meet and network with others of various backgrounds, and it was an honor to vote as the NACo delegate.

Chairman Smith stated that next conference was in August 2021 in Wilmington for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in which he is the president. Chairman Smith conveyed the honor of being the NCACC President and asked the Board who would be in attendance to choose a voting delegate.

Commissioner Emily Biggs and Chairman Smith reported that they were attending the NCACC Conference, therefore being the only Commissioners able to vote.

MOTION to designate Commissioner Emily Biggs as the NCACC Voting Designee and Chairman Ronnie Smith as the Alternate NCACC Voting Delegate by Vice Chair Bond Jr. with a SECOND by Chairman Smith. Motion CARRIED unanimously with no further discussion or questions.

Discussion of COVID 19 Restrictions for Board Meetings

County Manager U. James Bennett reported that the citizens of Martin County inquired about Martin County Board of Commissioners meetings being open to the public and he spoke with IT/Data Director as well as the Clerk of Court, Tonya Leggett about the logistics of conducting Board of Commissioners meetings in the courtrooms. County Manager Bennett reported that the current technology was not transferrable and the virtual outlook on the televisions in the lounge that provides citizens with the opportunity to see the meetings in an open space would be lost. County Manager Bennett also reported that there would be a lost in funds if this technology is not used. Next, County Manager Bennett suggested delaying the decision to open the Boards meetings to the physical public until more research is conducted on the new COVID – 19 Delta Strain. Lastly, County Manager Bennett reported that he consulted with Martin- Tyrell- Washington Health Director Wes Gray about the matter and he suggested waiting another month or more before opening the meetings to the physical public.

Commissioner Gurganus asked if the matter could be tabled until more information and research is conducted on the COVID- 19 Delta Strain as he did not want to vote on something that could risk the health of the citizens.

Chairman Smith agreed and asked for a motion to table the matter of open Board of Commissioners meetings. MOTION to table the matter of open Board of Commissioners meetings by Commissioner Gurganus with a SECOND by Vice Chair Bond Jr. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

Commissioner Ayers wanted to ask a question after the vote was carried and Chairman Smith granted the question. Commissioner Ayers asked if the Martin County citizens output was considered.

Chairman Smith stated the matter was tabled and this would allot time for the Commissioners to speak with citizens about the matter.

Budget Amendment(s)

Budget Amendment #1

Finance Officer Cindy Ange reported last fiscal year, the Board of Commissioners appropriated \$1,000,000 to the Board of Education for the Career Technical Center. The Board of Education did not spend the entire amount by June 30, 2021. These funds need to be re-appropriated in the current year budget.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-1

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, 2022.

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

	Increase	Decrease
Education		
Capital Outlay	\$ 86,384	

This will result in an increase of \$86,384 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	\$ 86,384
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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 Chair Bond Jr. to approve the above budget amendment this 14th day of July 2021and SECONDED by Commissioner Biggs. Motion CARRIED unanimously. No further discussion or comments.

Budget Amendment #2

Finance Officer Cindy Ange last fiscal year, Martin County Department of Aging and Adult Services received a MIPPA grant for \$2,584. They were unable to utilize those funds and are requesting the funds be re-appropriated in the current fiscal year so that they grant funds do not have to be returned.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT-2

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, 2022.

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

	Increase	Decrease
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Human Services	
MIPPA grant	\$ 2,584

This will result in an increase of \$2,584 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	\$ 2,584
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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 Commissioner Biggs to adopt the above budget ordinance amendment this 14th day of July 2021 and SECONDED by Vice Chair Bond Jr. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION - NC G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (4) – Economic Development

MOTION to enter Closed Session NC G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (4) – Economic Development at 8:20pm made by Commissioner Gurganus with a **SECOND** by Commissioner Biggs. Motion CARRIED unanimously

MOTION to exit Closed Session NC G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (4) – Economic Development at 8:39pm made by Vice Chair Bond Jr. with a **SECOND** by Commissioner Gurganus. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

BOARD REPORTS/COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Emily Biggs informed the Board of Commissioners and citizens of her experience at the NACo Conference in further detail. Commissioner Biggs expressed the honor of attending the conference, the importance of networking, and stated that she had the opportunity to listen to U.S. Vice President Kamyla Harris and Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, Nancy Poloski speeches. Commissioner Biggs stated she was thankful for the opportunity to engage with other counties in North Carolina.

Chairman Smith reported going to Washington DC's school system and the OPIOD Litigation where Kevin Leonard, Executive Director, North Carolina Association of County Commissioners, presented that North Carolina had the best Litigation working with North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein. Chairman Smith reported around \$26 Billion would be allotted to counties, with \$2 billion of the funds being allotted to the lawyers of the litigation. Next, Chairman Smith reported speaking with Senator Ben who stated that STARLINK would provide Broadband Internet services to everyone and Chairman Smith would do more research on the matter for further discussion. Then, Chairman Smith announced that a Baptist home in Hamilton, NC may open as a Veterans Home for the homeless veterans and Chairman Smith stated reporting any updates on this matter as well.

There were no further Board reports or Commissioners comments.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, at 8:47pm Vice Chair Bond Jr. MOTIONED to adjourn and Commissioner Biggs SECONDED the motion. Motion CARRIED unanimously.

The next Regular Board Meeting for the Martin County Board of Commissioners has been scheduled for August 11, 2021.

Ronnie Smith, Chairman

Julia Rease, Clerk to the Board