

July 13, 2022 Regular

The Martin County Board of Commissioners met in a Regular Session on Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Superior Courtroom 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, County Manager U. James Bennett, Clerk to the Board Julia Rease, County Attorney Benjamin Eisner, Finance Officer Cindy Ange, Sheriff Tim Manning.

Also present in the Superior Courtroom was Mayor of Bear Grass Charlotte Griffin, Tax Assessor Melissa Phillips, Martin County Economic Development CEO and President Jason Semple, Martin County Department of Social Services Director Angela Ellis, Chief Deputy Drew Robinson, new employees to be introduced, and a host of Martin County residents.

Present via Remote Access: Commissioner David “Skip” Gurganus was not in attendance due to personal reasons.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Commissioner Biggs led the Pledge of Allegiance, and Chairman Smith provided the invocation.

Chairman Smith extended a welcome to all.

AGENDA APPROVAL

Chairman Smith asked that the Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of Obsolete Property to Ukraine, listed as #10 under ITEM 3.) Consent Agenda, to be moved to ITEM 5.) Presentations as the third presentation. Commissioner Ayers made a **Motion** to approve the revised agenda as stated, with a **Second** by Commissioner Biggs. The motion was **Carried** unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments submitted to the Clerk, in the lobby area, or online. Chairman Smith ask that if there were any public comments and there were none.

CONSENT AGENDA

Manager Bennett stated corrections were needed for May 26, 2022 Minutes in regards to the Administration totaling listed under FY 2022-2023 Budget Presentation.

Vice Chairman Bond Jr. made a Motion to approve the consent agenda as presented, with a Second by Commissioner Gurganus. The motion was Carried unanimously.

1. **Minutes** – April 26, 2022 Special, April 26, 2022 Special, May 26, 2022 Special, and June 8, 2022 Regular.

2. **Financial Report for June 2022**

3. Tax Assessor – Tax Refund Requests – June 2022 – None

4. Tax Assessor – Tax Relief Orders – June 2022 - \$48.28

Year Levy	Lname	Fname	Reason	Value	Total
2021	Rodgers	Fentress Tyrone	Sold Vehicle	\$3,036	\$27.02
2021	Riggan	Albert Richard Heirs	Sold Vehicle	\$1,000	\$9.63
2021	Riggan	Albert Richard Heirs	Sold Vehicle	\$1,000	\$9.63
<i>Total Real & Personal Releases</i>					\$48.28
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<i>Total VTS Refund Requests</i>					\$ 0.00

5. Tax Collector’s Report – February 2022

	Category	June	6-21 Y-T-D
Real Property	20	\$11,100.54	\$0.00
Personal Property	25	\$1,336.55	\$0.00
Total		<u>\$12,437.09</u>	\$0.00
Motor Vehicle	30	\$25.81	\$0.00
Total MV		<u>\$25.81</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
All Total		\$12,462.90	\$0.00

6. Board Appointments/Reappointments

Martin Community College Board of Trustees

On behalf of the Martin Community College Board of Trustees, it was recommended that Mr. Clint Saunders is reappointed for another four year term which would expire June 30, 2026.

The Board **Approved** the above reappointment as part of the consent agenda.

7. New Road Name Request for a Road Off of ED’s Grocery Road, Located Near Bear Grass Jurisdiction

For the purposes of this item, a road or roadway is a public or private one-way or multiple-lane route that is used for ingress or egress or route of transportation between specific points and/or areas".

Martin County approved an ordinance on July 12th 2006 to better help the efforts of the E-911 Emergency response team to serve our county citizens most effectively in an emergency situation. The Martin County Road Naming and Addressing Ordinance allows the Tax Assessor's Office to request an approval of a new road name when there are three (3) or more residences that use the same ingress/egress to their occupied dwelling.

Taxpayers Manuel Martinez Ponce and Andres Martinez Ponce are requesting a new road name to be assigned to the passageway that they own. There are three (3) lots on that property and only one (1) lot has been developed down a dirt passageway that abuts the Ed's Grocery Rd. The developed lot will need to have their address reassigned. As per the Martin County Road Naming and Addressing Ordinance, this passageway needs to be assigned an official name. Manuel Ponce and Andres Ponce own 100% of the land for the passageway and have submitted a request of suggested names for the new road. Also included is a map to show the area of interest and the approval of all the necessary officials prior to submittal to the Board of Commissioners.

This Board **Approved** this item as part of the Consent Agenda.

8. Ambulance Franchise Renewal

Listed below are the four (4) ambulance franchise agencies seeking renewal in Martin County. Each of the agencies listed below currently operate in our county. Each is in good standing with North Carolina Office of Emergency Medical Services. Each of those listed have been approved by our county ambulance advisory board along with our medical director. There have been no complaints or issues regarding any of these agencies filed with our office. There is also a fifth applicant this year to till the remaining open position. This agency has worked and been franchised in our county previously. This agency left on its own accord with no blemishes on its record while working in the county. We hereby submit this letter to the board as our recommendation for approval.

The agencies seeking: renewal are:

- Coastal Medical Transport
- Roanoke Medical Transport
- Midway Medical Transport
- Inner Banks Medical Transport

New Agency Applying:

- White Oak Medical Transport

The Board **Approved** of this item as part of the Consent Agenda

7. Clerk Report included for informational purposes.

8. INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S)

Every month, new employees are invited, introduced, and welcomed to Martin County by the Board of Commissioners. MC Department of Social Services Director Angela Ellis introduced the following employees:

- Cameron White - Income Maintenance Caseworker – DSS
Start Date: June 13, 2022
- Angela Evans - Income Maintenance Caseworker – DSS
Start Date: July 11, 2022
- James Chance - Transit Driver – DSS (Removed from June 8, 2022 Meeting)
Start Date: June 6, 2022
- Jamar Thigpen - Transit Driver – DSS
Start Date: July 11, 2022

Ms. Lanita Garrett, Social Work Supervisor III for Martin County DSS and Ms. Amie Bryant, Income Maintenance Caseworker with Martin County DSS could not attend the meeting this month.

PRESENTATIONS

North Carolina Mileage Based User Fee Pilot Program - Electric Vehicles Impact on Gas Tax - Mid East RPO Transportation Planner, Sam Singleton

Mr. Sam Singleton, Transportation Planner for the Mid-East Commission, is also the administrator of the Mid-East Rural Planning Organization. Mr. Singleton made a brief presentation about the NC Mileage Based User-Fee Pilot Program (MBUF). Mr. Singleton stated the project was being sponsored by the Eastern Transportation Coalition, a transportation advocacy group for nearly 17 eastern U.S. States. The presentation gave background about the Federal & State Gas Taxes and details about the MBUF pilot program. Mr. Singleton stated a mileage-based user-fee gas tax would potentially replace the current “pay at the pump” gas tax. The new system would track daily miles driven by drivers and would tax them accordingly. The system is said to be more sustainable than the current system, as vehicles are driving longer and not going to the gas pump as frequently.

Mr. Singleton stated the Current Federal Gas Tax Rate per gallon was \$0.184/gallon for Regular gas and \$0.24/gallon for Diesel, whereas the Current State Gas Tax Rate per gallon was \$0.385/gallon for Regular gas and \$0.385/ gallon for Diesel. Mr. Singleton explained that Federal Tax went to Federal Highway Trust Fund and State Tax went towards the NCDOT Highway Fund & Highway Trust Fund. Mr. Singleton stated that these taxes were critical for repairs on highways, roads, and bridges and in funding the Highway and Multi-modal Projects. Transportation Planner Singleton reported that President Biden considered a three month “holiday” on Federal Gas Tax which would lower gas prices.

Transportation Planner Singleton explained the current state of gas taxes in detail. Mr. Singleton reported cars were being made with better mileage per gallon, therefore less trips were being made to the gas pumps. Mr. Singleton stated the decrease in trips to the gas pumps caused less gas tax revenue. Mr. Singleton explained that gas tax revenue was being lost to Electric Vehicles that use the same roads, but pay no gas tax because the cars operate by electricity. Transportation Planner Singleton described other reasons for a decrease in gas tax revenue and effects of this. Lockdowns from COVID-19 were reported to have reduced gas tax revenue leaving NCDOT fiscally constrained, Limitations on funding for new roads & bridges over the next 10 years, and cancellations and delays of STIP projects.

Mr. Singleton described informed the audience of the Mileage Based User Fee Program stating it was new concept proposed to replace the current gas tax structure. This proposed program would replace the current 'pay at the pump' gas tax with taxes based off miles traveled in a vehicle. Mr. Singleton stated that an electronic device would be placed in each vehicle to track odometer mileage and mileage only. Mr. Singleton stated a device would be mailed to a participant's home for the participant to insert into their vehicles and after a few months of driving, the device would be mailed back.

Mid-East RPO Transportation Planner Singleton stated that there were two ideas to solve this issue, which were to increase gas tax rates or implement the MBUF Program. Mr. Singleton reported gas tax increases would increase gas prices, would be a temporary fix, and would have to compete against electric cars and new vehicles with better gas by the mile. Mr. Singleton stated the other possible option to solve the gas tax issue would be to implement the MBUF program. Implementing the MBUF program would tax road users based on miles traveled solely, all vehicles would be taxed with no exceptions as of now, and this would be a long term solution for North Carolina Department of Transportation budget shortfalls. Mr. Singleton lastly explained that implementing the MBUF Program would cause higher gas taxes in drivers that drive further miles. Mr. Singleton asked if there were any questions or comments.

Vice Chairman Bond Jr. commented that if implementing the MBUF Program, it would not be fair to drivers in rural areas that have to drive further miles to get to resources than those that are in more urban areas such as Greenville, NC. Vice Chairman Bond Jr. also stated the counties that utilize ferry systems, which are still apart of the highway, would not be affected by the taxes if implementing the MBUF Program. Mr. Singleton replied that it was a concern with the MBUF program and ensured that MBUF was a pilot program to retrieve data on what it be like to actually implement the program. Vice Chairman Bond Jr. thanked and showed appreciation to Mr. Singleton for his services.

Commissioner Ayers commented the MBUF program charging gas taxes per mile would have the same effect on drivers that utilize gas pumps. Commissioner Ayers commented a rural driver would pay for more gas to get further. Commissioner Ayers commented that he was unsure how the program would be implemented without drivers misusing the devices designed to collect travel mileage on personal vehicles. Mr. Singleton responded that these were good points and law enforcement would probably be in place to enforce the devices if the program were to be passed at a state and federal level. Mr. Singleton reiterated that the program was only in a testing stage to

give a preview of what a program as such would be. Commissioner Ayers stated a person driving more miles was supposed to pay more taxes because they would be on the road longer. Mr. Singleton stated the big concern was electric cars not paying taxes.

Commissioner Biggs asked if a device could be placed in electric vehicles to bill these drivers instead of taxing gas fueled vehicles by mileage devices. Mr. Singleton agreed.

Chairman Smith commented that he read a study regarding electric vehicles. Chairman Smith commented that the study mentioned high priced taxing of electric car parts and that there was no know way to dispose of electric cars. Chairman Smith commented that combustible engines were still making a lot of money and this would deter interest from the electric cars.

Commissioner Bond Jr. commented that tractor trailers or “eighteen wheelers” would need to be looked into as well due to their heavy weight and the damage that weight causes to the road.

There were no further questions or comments and Transportation Planner Singleton was thanked for his presentation.

Tax Assessors Office Update

Tax Assessor Melissa Phillips presented an update for the Tax Assessors Office in regards to Tax Revaluation and Request for Proposal, Tax Office Software, Annual Real Estate Mailed Notices, Deed Certification, Task Force Study, and Canvassing for New Businesses.

2025 Reevaluation Timeline and RFP Approval

Tax Assessor Melissa Phillips presented the timeline for the 2025 Reevaluation to the Board and also sent the Request for Proposals in the agenda packets for review. Tax Assessor Phillips recommended the approval of the 2025 Reevaluation Timeline and Request for Proposals from the Board. The purpose for the revaluation is to determine and match the properties to their current market value. Tax Assessor Phillips reported an anticipated cost of \$232,000-\$300,000. The Revaluation will take effect for January 1, 2025.and the recommended 2025 Reevaluation timeline is as follows:

- Request for bids will be available on September 1,2022
- Sealed proposals due on or before October 3, 2022
- Anticipated award date of December 9,2022
- Awarded contractor to begin work on or before July 5,2023

Vice Chairman Bond Jr. made the **Motion** to Approve of the 2025 Tax Reevaluation Timeline and the Request for Proposals (RFP) with a **Second** by Commissioner Ayers. Motion was **Carried**.

Tax Office Software before Reevaluation

Tax Assessor Melissa Phillips prepared a comparison of Tax Assessing Software that was included in the Board’s agenda packets for review. Tax Assessor Phillips stated that there were two systems that the office used. Assessor Phillips reported the current Real Estate software did not retain history and the Tax Assessors would have to print a property card before a change is made to

capture the old information. Past information that has been overwritten is lost. Ms. Phillips reported any program or software changes could affect other departments within the county such as Tax Collections, Water, and Finance especially regarding listings.

Tax Assessor Phillips reported contacting several companies to research the best program that would work best for the County. *North Carolina Property Tax Solution (NCPTS)*, *Bi-Tek*, *Keystone*, and *Tyler iasWorld* were named and Tax Assessor Phillips gave information on these programs before recommended the best.

- Ms. Phillips reported *Bi-tech* had about 33% of the 100 counties in North Carolina using the program and the program was growing steadily in popularity.
- Ms. Phillips reported *Tyler iasWorld* was the same company that had the Tax Assessors office current cable package. Ms. Phillips did not recommend this program as other users did not speak highly of the program when Ms. Phillips made contact with them.
- Then, Ms. Phillips reported on *Keystone*, which she utilized before without a recommendation. Tax Assessor Phillips stated the program was researched due to its ability to work with more than one department and tie the information from these departments together.
- *NCPTS* and *Bi-Tec* were recommended by Ms. Phillips as history would be provided, the ease of listing, and the listing forms would be provided that Assessors would not have to print them anymore. These options would save money from printing. Ms. Phillips stated the *Bi-tec* company that owns it, he came in and sat down and gave a demonstration.

Next, Tax Assessor Phillips discussed the cost of the programs including the difference between the current programs and potential future program(s). Assessor Phillips reported the county paid about \$29,000 for the programs currently used in the Tax Assessors Office. Ms. Phillips also reported the current *Canvas* software package was charging a \$500.00 annual increase without any additional services being served to the county. *Bi-Tec* was recommended by Ms. Phillips as it would be cheaper than the current program system. Ms. Phillips stated *NCPTS* would cause a drastic increase, even with a decrease to the original quote due to an error found. Ms. Phillips reported that *Bi-Tec* and *NCPTS* were both similar in conversion cost and were both willing to spread the conversion costs over three year.

Ms. Phillips stated the *NCPTS* system would have to integrate both offices of the Tax Collector and Tax Assessor. Ms. Phillips reported *Bi-Tek* could process the Collections and Assessors offices separately or keep them together. Assessor Phillips explained that there was an import process and this process would be continued regardless. Assessor Phillips added that *NCPTS* offered \$20,000 to discount the conversion costs if three other counties agreed to join the program. Ms. Phillips reported speaking with the surrounding counties, in which one county was undecided. Ms. Phillips explained that the new program would need to be in place by July 2023 to allow the reevaluation company to start using the new system for reevaluation.

Manager Bennett asked Ms. Phillips if *Bi-Tek* would allow Finance and Tax Collections office continue to work together. Ms. Phillips stated *Bi-Tek* had the option to incorporate multiple offices or keep them separate. Ms. Phillips reported that there was an input process for everything, especially with real estate, private property, and other listings.

Manager Bennett asked if Assessor Phillips met and discussed the change in software to other departments that would be affected such as Finance, the Water Department, and Tax Collections. Assessor Phillips reported that she spoke with the other departments that may be affected by the software change and they were not accepting of the software change. Ms. Phillips stated there was an upgrade to the *Munis* system coming up and this had a negative effect on changing the software.

Chairman Smith asked how many counties were using *Bi-Tek*. Ms. Phillips reported around 33% with Onslow County recently transferring to *Bi-Tec* from *NCPTS*.

Finance Officer Cindy Ange asked Assessor Phillips if she was presenting a possible change in the system in which the departments were in need of fixing or if the presentation was to change from the current *Munis* system completely. Assessor Phillips reported the presentation was to stop using *Munis* completely in her office using *Bi-tec*. Finance Officer Ange reported this change would break the connection between the Tax Assessors and Collectors Office. Assessor Phillips agreed and stated the personal property listing could still be imported in the Collections system. Ms. Phillips added that bills would have to be imported into the system.

Manager Bennett asked if the input process was time consuming and Ms. Phillips reported that it was possible, but the number of imports would increase. Ms. Phillips reported that this would be a similar process to the Tax Assessors office as there are other processes that call for information to be double keyed.

Finance Officer Ange reported the current *Munis* system connected the Tax Assessors, Tax Collectors, and Finance Departments together. Finance Officer Ange reported that there was a break in the Tax Assessors portion of the program and if it was fixed, another portion would be broken. Ms. Ange stated the current *Munis* program would require an update this fiscal year in order to conduct payroll reports. Chairman Smith asked if there was a way that the system could be fixed and keep the connection between the departments. Finance Officer Ange stated that there was an issue if Tax Collections were to use the proposed, the Tax Collections office would not be able to communicate information to the Finance system. Mrs. Ange also reported that the Water Department was using the Tax Collection software which assisted staff that utilize the system for water and taxes at the same time. Mrs. Ange reported if this connection were broken, there would be a need for two different software programs to make up for it. Finance Officer stated that there were a lot of moving pieces between the Finance, Tax Collections and Assessing Offices, and the Water Department with the current systems being utilized. Finance Officer Ange stated that there was only one meeting about the change in the software and that the staff was not familiar with the new programs recommended.

Chairman Smith commented there were other counties that were not facing the software issue and suggested to continue to communicate with other counties that do have a working system. Manager Bennett added that there was personnel to help as well, they are looking retirement but at some point when that occurs, if we haven't made some changes when you purchase.

It was agreed that this subject would be reviewed again in the September 2022 regular meeting.

Deed Certification

Tax Assessor Phillips reported the deed process in the Tax Assessor's office was to write a parcel on a deed and it would be stamped by a tax assessor. The deed would be given to a Tax Collector for them to stamp and write down what years the taxes have been paid through. (Per resolution dating 7/4/1982)

Per G.S 105-303, the Tax Assessor's Office only needs to verify that the deed has the following information:

- The name of the person conveying the property
- The name and address of the person to whom the property is being conveyed.
- A description of the property sufficient to locate and identify it.
- A statement as to whether the parcel is conveyed in whole or in part.

Tax Assessor Phillips reported the Tax Assessors Office wrote parcel numbers on deeds and asked for approval of the Board to have the attorney that reviewed the property documentation write or type the deed on the parcel. Tax Assessor Phillips stated the reasoning to stop this procedure is due to the liability of the Tax Assessor writing an incorrect parcel on the deed. Assessor Phillips asked the Board for the approval for the Tax Assessors Office to only stamp and verify the deed if it meets the requirements listed under N.C.G.S. 105-303.

Tax Assessor Phillips added that there were some counties that had a statement with their stamp or has it know that by stamping a deed based on a written or typed parcel that it is not a tax certification and that the parcel matches the legal description in the deed. If this type of statement is added, we would have to work with the register of deed for placement.

Assessor Phillips stated per General Statute 161-31, the Board of Commissioners of a county may, by resolution require the register of deeds not to accept any deed transferring real property for registration unless the county Tax Collector has certified that no delinquent ad valorem county taxes, ad valorem municipal taxes, or other taxes with which the collector is charged are a lien on the property described in a deed. Tax Assessor Phillips reported that Martin County was listed in this statute, there was a resolution made, but there was no implementation of the resolution.

It was agreed that this subject would be reviewed again in the September 2022 regular meeting.

Annual Real Estate Mailed Notices

Next, Tax Assessor Phillips presented and asked for approval to stop mailing out annual real estate notices. Assessor Phillips suggested in 2023 that the Tax Assessors office would only mail notifications to the real estate owners that had value changes. Ms. Phillips stated the assessor's

office could start mailing out letters that explain the valuation change and provide the new value. Once this process starts the office could stop mailing out the notices in January. Assessor Phillips reported with the change the assessor's office would only mail the annual real estate notice will be during revaluation.

Commissioner Ayers made the **Motion** to Approve the Tax Assessors Office Discontinuation of Mailing Annual Real Estate Notices, with a **Second** by Vice Chairman Bond Jr. Motion was **Carried**.

Task Force Study

Then, Assessor Phillips presented and asked for the approval for a task force study conducted of the Tax Assessor's Office. Assessor Phillips stated the study would be conducted by the North Carolina Department of Revenue (NCDOR), UNC School of Government, and North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). This task force would review the assessors' processes, interview employees, document their findings, and provide recommendations for improvements where they are necessary.

Vice Chairman Bond Jr. made the **Motion** to Approve the Task Force Study of the Tax Assessors Office, with a **Second** by Commissioner Biggs. Motion was **Carried**.

Canvassing for New Businesses

Lastly, Assessor Phillips presented that in August she planned to canvas for new businesses. During this canvas, Ms. Phillips reported she would be making notations of businesses and verifying they have listed business and or personal property. Ms. Phillips reported sending letters as notification if business have not been listing properly with a 2022 listing form.

Resolution Approving the Conveyance of Obsolete Property to Ukraine

Sheriff Tim Manning presented a resolution regarding obsolete bulletproof vests that could be sent to the Ukraine in their aid. Sheriff Manning reflected on the victims in the Ukraine that could benefit from the bulletproof vests, especially women and children. The resolution as presented:

NORTH CAROLINA

MARTIN COUNTY

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONVEYANCE OF OBSOLETE PROPERTY TO UKRAINE

WHEREAS, the Sheriff of MARTIN County, along with other Sheriffs of the State of North Carolina, support a humanitarian effort to collect and distribute obsolete ballistic body armor that is no longer being utilized to benefit the people of war-ravaged Ukraine; and

WHEREAS, the MARTIN County Sheriff's Office has 12 units of obsolete ballistic body armor that could be of benefit to the Ukrainian people; and

WHEREAS, under North Carolina General Statute § 160A-280, obsolete property may be conveyed without monetary consideration to a non-profit, after due notice; and

WHEREAS, the MARTIN County Commissioners join in supporting this humanitarian effort by donating the obsolete ballistic body armor to Samaritan's Purse for distribution to aid the Ukrainian citizens involved in fighting the Russian forces for their freedom.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the MARTIN County Board of Commissioners, that the donation of obsolete ballistic body armor be conveyed to the people of Ukraine involved in fighting the Russian forces and support this effort that could save lives.

This the 13th day of July, 2022.

Attest:

Chairman
Ronnie Smith, County Board of Commissioners

Clerk to the Board

The Board **Approved** the Resolution Authorizing the Conveyance of Obsolete Property to Ukraine **Unanimously**.

OLD BUSINESS – NONE

NEW BUSINESS

Incentive Pay

Manager Bennett stated the last time incentive pay was approved, it was founded that some full time employees received the same amount of funds as part time employees. Manager Bennett recommended another incentive pay to employees. Manager Bennett stated Finance Officer Cindy Ange and HR Director Donna Zube mapped out the incentive payments to be a total of \$174,500. Manager Bennett stated that the ARPA funding would be used for incentive payments, Finance Officer agreed that the ARPA funds were available, and it was stated that the ARPA funds could be used in this matter. The payments would be issued on August 12, 2022.

Vice Chairman Bond Jr. made the **Motion** to approve of the Incentive Payments to be issued on August 12, 2022, with a **Second** by Commissioner Ayers. **Motion** was carried unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION – N. C. G. S. § 143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel

At 8:33 p.m., Commissioner Biggs **Motioned** to Enter Closed Sessions pursuant to: 1. NC G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney/Client Privilege, 2. NC G.S. §143-318.11(a) (4) Industry/Economic Development, 3. NC G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) Contracts and Agreements, with a **Second** by Vice Chairman Bond Jr. Motion was **Carried** unanimously.

At 9:45 p.m., Commissioner Biggs made the **Motion** to Exit Closed Sessions pursuant to: 1. N.C. G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (3) Attorney/Client Privilege, 2. N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a) (4)

Industry/Economic Development, 3. N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a) (5) Contracts and Agreements with a **Second** by Commissioner Ayers. Motion was **Carried** unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

BOARD REPORTS / COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Commissioner Biggs made a **Motion** at 9:56 p.m. to adjourn the meeting, with a **Second** from Vice Chairman Bond Jr. Motion was **Carried** unanimously.

Ronnie Smith, Chairman
Martin County Board of County
Commissioners

Julia S. Rease, Clerk to the Board