

**Windsor, North Carolina
April 16, 2019**

SPECIAL MEETING

The Bertie County Board of Commissioners met for a special meeting today inside the Commissioners Room, 106 Dundee Street, Windsor, NC. The following members were present or absent:

Present: Ronald "Ron" Wesson, District I
Greg Atkins, District II
John Trent, District IV
Ernestine (Byrd) Bazemore, District V

Absent: Tammy Lee, District III

Staff Present: County Manager Scott Sauer
Assistant County Attorney Jonathan Huddleston
Finance Officer William Roberson
Assistant to the County Manager Dominique Walker
Sheriff John Holley
Chief Deputy Kenny Perry

Media Present: N/A

At 11:00 a.m. Chairman Trent called the meeting to order and asked Commissioner Wesson to deliver the invocation prior to the start of the business session.

Commissioner Bazemore offered a MOTION to go into Closed Session:

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of employment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee; and

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) to go into closed session to consult with the County Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege that exists between the attorney and this public body.

Commissioner Wesson offered a SECOND to the MOTION which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wesson offered a MOTION to return to Open Session. Vice Chairman Atkins offered a SECOND to the MOTION which passed unanimously.

Chairman Trent reported that due to the discussions in Closed Session, that the floor was open for a MOTION, if necessary.

Commissioner Wesson offered a MOTION, effective with the next pay period (May, 2019), the base pay for a certified Deputy Sheriff position will be \$40,000 and the staff are instructed to follow the worksheet (including reclassifications as necessary) prepared by the Finance Officer to address compression impacts for designated current staff as calculated by Mr. William Roberson. Also, Commissioner Wesson included in the MOTION, the elimination of the \$2,500 sign-on bonus, and the requirement that five (5) of the existing vacant Deputy Sheriff positions be frozen indefinitely. Furthermore, the MOTION included adjustments as discussed on the Telecommunications worksheet, increasing the base pay for certified Telecommunicators to \$28,069 and reclassifications as presented, discussed and modified to also include the Telecommunications Supervisor.

Chairman Trent offered a SECOND to the MOTION which passed by a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bazemore offered a MOTION to return to Closed Session:

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143-318.11(a)(3) to go into closed session to consult with the County Attorney in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege that exists between the attorney and this public body.

The MOTION was SECONDED by Vice Chairman Atkins and passed unanimously.

Commissioner Wesson offered a MOTION to return to open session.

Vice Chairman Atkins SECONDED the MOTION which passed by unanimous vote.

Commissioner Bazemore offered a MOTION to adjourn which was SECONDED by Commissioner and Wesson and passed unanimously.