

December 01, 1997

Magistrate Oris Stallings was on hand to administer the oath of office to the newly elected officials, Bobby R. Bissette as Mayor of Middlesex for a two year term and Isaac Lewis and Harold Meacombs as Commissioners for four year terms.

Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order and welcomed new member Harold Meacombs to the board.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved appoint Fred Hough to serve as Mayor Pro-tim, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Mayor Bissette made the following appointments to various departments:

Bascoe Lewis to Streets and Sidewalks

Isaac Lewis to Water and Sewer

Naomi Powell to Parks and Recreation

Fred Hough to Public Buildings and Cemeteries

Harold Meacombs to Sanitation

Bascoe Lewis and Fred Hough to Police Commission

Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to appoint Mayor Bissette as Middlesex's representative to Region L Council of Governments, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to adopt the attached resolution to release \$134.30 in Technical Funds to Region L Council of Governments, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed information from Rural Economic Development on funding, and instructed the clerk to call Mr. Bill Ray Hall to inquire as to how these funds might help Middlesex.

The board reviewed information concerning the closing of the Nash County Landfill and the town's options after its closing.

Commissioner Hough moved to give all full time employees a Christmas Bonus of \$150.00 and part-time employees \$75.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.



Chief Brock gave a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month. He also introduced James Cardona as a potential candidate to fill the fifth vacancy on the police force. He stated that Cardona would graduate from the Police Academy on December 12, and that all his references had been checked and they were all favorable. He further stated that hiring would be contingent upon passing the academy, the drug and psychology testing.

After interviewing Cardona, Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to approve the hiring on a ninety day probationary period if all the qualifications were met. The salary will be \$18,500.00 with all benefits, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously. This position will be funded by the Federal Cops Program at a 75% level.

The Board discussed the request by Mike Holland to appear before the Planning Board. Mayor Bisette stated that the Chairman of the Planning Board stated that they could not recommend amending the Zoning Ordinance, and were short one member and were having a time finding dates that the board could meet and have a quorum present during the month.

Mayor Bisette stated that it had been brought to his attention that another business was operating a pool room inside the city limits and staying open until midnight and on Sundays.

The other business mentioned was Triangle East Mart that was annexed into town in January 1994. The clerk stated that his place might fall under the "grandfather clause" of the ordinance, and that the business was licensed as a convenient store not a pool room.

The board instructed the clerk to get in touch with Attorney Fairman and get a decision on the grandfather issue and to see if the business meets the definition of pool room or not. The board decided to get this information before giving Mike Holland a answer to his request to stay open later and be open on Sundays.

Having no further business, Commissioner Powell moved to adjourn.

*Peggy Bisette*  
Peggy Bisette,  
Town Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bisette *DRB*  
Commissioners  
Harold Meacombs *hm*  
Fred Hough *fh*  
Naomi Powell *N.P.*  
Isaac Lewis *I.L.*  
*Bascoe Lewis WBZ*



Middlesex Governing Body  
Oath of Office

"I, Bobby Ray Bissette do solemnly  
swear that I will support and maintain the  
Constitution and laws of the United States,  
and the Constitution and laws of North  
Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and I  
will faithfully discharge the duties of my  
office as Commissioner of Middlesex, so help  
me God."

Bobby R Bissette  
Signature of Official

Oris Stallings  
Official Administering Oath

Mayor  
Title

December 01, 1997  
Date



Middlesex Governing Body  
Oath of Office

"I, Harold Meacombs do solemnly  
swear that I will support and maintain the  
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and the Constitution and laws of North  
Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and I  
will faithfully discharge the duties of my  
office as Commissioner of Middlesex, so help  
me God."

Harold Meacombs  
Signature of Official

Oris Stallings  
Official Administering Oath

Commissioner  
Title

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Middlesex Governing Body  
Oath of Office

"I, Joseph Isaac Lewis do solemnly  
swear that I will support and maintain the  
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and the Constitution and laws of North  
Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and I  
will faithfully discharge the duties of my  
office as Commissioner of Middlesex, so help  
me God."

Joseph Isaac Lewis  
Signature of Official

Oris Stallings  
Official Administering Oath

Commissioner  
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**RESOLUTION**

**BY**

**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX**

**NASH COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in North Carolina the Lead Regional Organizations, as voluntary organizations serving municipal and county governments, have established productive working relationships with the cities and counties across the state;

**WHEREAS**, the 1995 General Assembly recognized this need through the appropriation of \$864,270 to help the Lead Regional Organizations assist local governments with grant applications, economic development, community development, and to support local industrial development activities and the activities as deemed appropriate by their local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are not intended to be used for payment of member dues or assessments to a Lead Regional Organization or to supplant funds appropriated by the member governments;

**WHEREAS**, in the event that a request is not made by TOWN OF MIDDLESEX for release of these funds to our Regional Council, the available funds will revert to State's general funds; and

**WHEREAS**, in Upper Coastal Plain COG, funds in the amount of \$48,015 will be used to assist local governments with grant applications in support of community development, economic development and industrial development activities and other technical assistance deemed appropriate by the member governments,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, requests the release of its share of these funds, \$134.30, to UPPER COASTAL PLAIN COG at the earliest possible time in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 324, House Bill 229, section 9.4 of the 1995 Session Laws.

Witnessed this the 03 day of December, 1997 in \_\_\_\_\_, by:

Bobby R. Bissett  
Signature

Peggy Bissett  
Signature of Witness

**ORIGINAL  
SEAL**

Mayor  
Title

Iron Clerk  
Title