The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on July 12, 2004, in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Pro Tem Larry Daniel, Commissioners Basco Lewis, Luke Robinson, and Fred Hough. Commissioner Harold Meacombs was absent. Mayor Pro Tem Daniel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., gave the invocation and welcomed guests Vennie Brock and Edna Mount.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the minutes of the June 14, 2004 regular meeting and the June 21, 2004 Special Meeting as correct. Commissioner Lewis seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to accept Bobby R. Bissette's resignation as Mayor. His motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and it carried unanimously.

After some discussion regarding the power, authority and voting rights of the Mayor Pro Tem and G.S. 160A-70, Commissioner Hough moved to authorize Larry Daniel as Mayor Pro Tem acting with the powers of the Mayor until a Mayor is appointed. Commissioner Robinson seconded his motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Basco Lewis moved to accept the June Financial Statements as correct. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Utility Director Jeff Waddell reported that Bill Majet will test the cycle stop value on well #4 on Tuesday, July 13, 2004 and the water tower will be turned off. If there are no pressure problems, we can then schedule the painting of the inside of the water tower. He also reported that he, along with Fred Summerlin with Rural Water, and Don Raynor of Peirson and Whitman, will start smoke testing on Friday, July 16<sup>th</sup> for sewer inflow problems and also checking for storm drains and gutters that may be connected to our sewer system.

Jamie Jernigan has closed The Tackle Box next to town hall. The Clerk will check his lease agreement and report to the Board at the next regular meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Daniel presented his recommendations for the organizational chart and a time frame to implement the personnel policy and salary classification study. He requested recommendations from each Commissioner on the organizational chart and also requested that the Commissioners work with the designated Department Heads to establish the hiring rate, the minimum and maximum salary for each position classification and present their recommendations along with any input on the personnel policy to the Board at the September meeting.

Commissioner Robinson reported problems with the Library window unit air conditioner leaking on the floor and that the Library needed a paint job. He will work with Chief Ferrell to schedule community service workers to paint after the Police Department Building painting is completed and Commissioner Lewis will take a look at the air conditioner drain line.

The Clerk presented a request to purchase a scanner and scanner software for approximately \$550-600 which is in the capital outlay budget for 2004-2005. Commissioner Robinson moved to purchase the scanner and software and Commissioner Lewis seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to adjust Oris Stallings sewer bill from \$280.50 to \$41.25. Commissioner Robinson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Being no further business, Commissioner Hough moved to adjourn.

Jennifer Lambert Clerk

Mayor Pro Tem Larry Daniel Commissioner Fred Hough Luke Robinson Basco Lewis