

December 08, 2003

Assistant Clerk Peggy Bissette administered the Oath of Office to Bobby R. Bissette as Mayor, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson and Basco Lewis as Commissioners.

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette called the meeting to order and the first item of business was to appoint department heads and his recommendations were as follows:

Water & Sewer	Harold Meacombs
Streets & Sidewalks	Fred Hough
Buildings & Cemetery	Basco Lewis
Sanitation	Larry Daniel
Parks & Recreation	Luke Robinson
Police Commission	Fred Hough
	Larry Daniel
Check Co-Signer	Basco Lewis
Mayor Pro-Tem	Larry Daniel
Library Board Representative	Luke Robinson
Upper Coastal Gov. Representative	Bobby R. Bissette
Alt. Upper Coastal Representative	Harold Meacombs
Personnel Director	Bobby R. Bissette

Commissioner Hough moved to make the recommended appointments, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lewis moved to adjust the sewer bill for Betty Wright from \$569.25 to \$ 34.75, due to a broken water line in her yard, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell presented Officer Jimmy Webb's letter of resignation to the board, to become effective December 16th, and Commissioner Daniel moved to accept his resignation, the motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell discussed the possibility of applying for a grant through the Governor's Crime Commission and said that the towns of Bailey, Middlesex and Spring Hope may apply together for a better chance at being funded, he said that Middlesex would have to put approximately \$5,000.00 in the project. He said that he would be meeting with the Chief's from the other two towns next week and would have more information at the next meeting.

Commissioner Lewis moved to enter into closed session for the purpose of employment for the police department, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Daniel and carried unanimously.

Chief Ferrell asked the board to consider making part-time officer Brad Sheppard a full time officer to replace Webb, Sheppard is working full time at NC State University. The board discussed the position with Sheppard.

Commissioner Daniel moved to enter back into open session, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to hire Brad Sheppard at a salary of \$24,000.00 per year, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette
Assistant Clerk

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Commissioners
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