



**Rutherford County Office Building
289 N. Main Street
Rutherfordton, NC 28139**

Rutherford County

Board of Commissioners

Minutes of Special Meeting of December 2, 2024

**Monday, December 2, 2024
5:00 PM**

I. Oaths of Office

A. Bailiff Opens Court

B. Swearing in Ceremonies

a. ID 24-3959 The Honorable Judge Robert Martelle

The Honorable Judge Robert Martelle conducted the swearing-in ceremony for newly-elected officials in Rutherford County.

County Commissioner

Hunter Haynes

Soil and Water District Supervisors

Alice High

Ronald Hawkins

C. Bailiff Closes Court

II. Organizational Meeting

A. Call to Order

Clerk to the Board Hazel Haynes called the December 2, 2024 Special Meeting of the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners to order.

Present: Commissioner Michael Benfield, Commissioner Hunter Haynes, Commissioner Bryan King, and Commissioner Alan Toney.

Absent: Commissioner Greg Lovelace

B. Election of Officers

a. ID 24-3962 Election of Chairman

Commissioner Toney nominated Commissioner King to serve as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners for the upcoming year. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion.

There were no other nominations.

The vote on the nomination of Commissioner King was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, and Commissioner Haynes.

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Lovelace

b. ID 24-3960 Election of Vice Chairman

Commissioner Benfield nominated Commissioner Toney to serve as Vice Chairman of the Board. Commissioner Haynes seconded the motion.

There were no other nominations.

The vote on the nomination was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, and Commissioner Haynes.

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Lovelace

C. Agenda Approval

Vice Chairman Toney moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, and Commissioner Haynes.

Noes: None

Absent: Commissioner Lovelace.

III. New Business

A. ID 24-3961 Approval of Bonds for County Officials

Finance Director Paula Roach presented bonds for county officials for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Benfield moved the approval of the bonds. Vice Chairman Toney seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, and Commissioner Haynes.
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Lovelace

Public Official	Amount	Expiration Date
Finance Director	\$1,000,000	08/13/2025
Finance Director (TDA)	\$ 450,000	08/13/2025
Finance Director (Airport)	\$ 50,000	08/13/2025
Finance Director (Transit)	\$ 50,000	08/13/2025
Social Services' Director	\$ 100,000	10/31/2025
County Manager	\$ 100,000	09/01/2025
Sheriff	\$ 10,000	12/05/2026
Register of Deeds	\$ 50,000	12/05/2025
Revenue Director	\$ 100,000	01/14/2025

IV. Adjournment

At 5:12 P.M. Vice Chairman Toney moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Benfield seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was:

Ayes: Commissioner King, Commissioner Toney, Commissioner Benfield, and Commissioner Haynes.
Noes: None
Absent: Commissioner Lovelace

Chairman, Board of Commissioners

Vice Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk, Board of Commissioners