



MOORE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

SPECIAL (ORGANIZATIONAL) MEETING

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022, 9:00 A.M.

The Moore County Board of Commissioners convened for a Special Meeting at 9:00am, Monday, December 5, 2022, in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Historic Courthouse at 1 Courthouse Square, Carthage, North Carolina. The purpose was for the Board's organizational business and examination and approval of public official bonds.

Commissioners Present:

Nick Picerno, Frank Quis, Jim Von Canon, John Ritter, Kurt Cook

Laura Williams, Clerk to the Board, called the meeting to order. County Manager Wayne Vest offered the invocation and Assistant County Manager Janet Parris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oaths of Office

Oaths of office were administered as follows by Ms. Williams:

- Jim Von Canon, District I
- Nick Picerno, District II
- John Ritter, District III
- Kurt Cook, District V

Election of Chairman

Upon motion made by Commissioner Quis, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Picerno as Chairman for the ensuing year.

Election of Vice Chairman

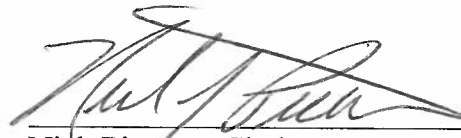
Upon motion made by Commissioner Ritter, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to elect Commissioner Quis as Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

Examination and Approval of Public Official Bonds

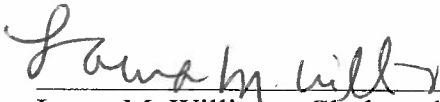
Human Resources Director Dawn Gilbert presented the public officials' bonds for the Board's examination and approval and noted the Finance Officer's amount would increase due to a new law. Upon motion made by Commissioner Quis, seconded by Commissioner Von Canon, the Board voted 5-0 to approve a resolution including the referenced bonds, riders, and renewals which were duly examined, authorizing and approving the official bonds for the Chief Finance Officer in the amount of \$1,000,000, Chief Finance Officer for the Convention and Visitors Bureau in the amount of \$260,000, Register of Deeds in the amount of \$50,000, Sheriff in the amount of \$25,000, Tax Administrator and Deputy Tax Administrator in the amount of \$250,000 each, as required by law and recommended by the Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and Western Surety Company, and authorize the Chairman to execute the same. The resolution is hereby incorporated as a part of these minutes by attachment as Appendix A.

Adjournment

There being no further business, upon motion made by Commissioner Von Canon, seconded by Commissioner Ritter, the Board voted 5-0 to adjourn the December 5, 2022, Special (Organizational) Meeting of the Moore County Board of Commissioners at 9:15am.



Nick Picerno, Chairman



Laura M. Williams, Clerk to the Board



Appendix A
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**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE EXAMINATION AND APPROVAL OF OFFICIAL BONDS
FOR
PUBLIC OFFICIALS OF MOORE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

WHEREAS, N.C.G.S. 58-72-20 requires careful examination of the bonds of the officers named in N.C.G.S. 58-72-10, and herein, at the first Monday in December of every year, to insure sufficient surety for the term of the office to which such officer is chosen:

1. **Chief Finance Officer:** With the passage of S.L. 2022-53, Section 9(a), the General Assembly raised the minimum coverage amount for units of local government and public authorities with “annually budgeted funds” exceeding \$500,000. Effective January 1, 2023, the governing board of a local government of public authority subject to G.S. 159-29(a) must fix the amount of a finance officer’s faithful performance bond to equal or exceed the greater of (1) \$50,000, or (2) an amount equal to 10 percent of the unit or authority’s “annually budgeted funds,” up to a cap of \$1,000,000. Pursuant to S.L. 2022-53, Moore County will have a bond for the Chief Finance Officer in the amount of \$1,000,000, effective December 5, 2022. Prior to the enactment of S.L. 2022,53, North Carolina law required governing boards of units of local government and public authorities subject to the LGBFCA to fix the exact coverage amount of a finance officer’s faithful performance bond, subject to a mandatory minimum coverage amount of \$50,000. A board could fix the bond’s amount to require a higher coverage level (with no maximum cap).

On December 6, 2021, the Convention and Visitors Bureau required Caroline Xiong, Chief Finance Officer, to be bonded separately. A bond was obtained in the amount of \$50,000 effective January 13, 2022. Prior to January 13, 2022, the Chief Finance Officer position bond for the Convention and Visitors Bureau was duly covered within one bond. Effective December 5, 2022, the Convention and Visitors Bureau for the Chief Finance Officer bond will be in the amount of \$260,000. This bond will renew on January 13, 2023, for one year in the amount of \$260,000.

2. **Register of Deeds:** N.C.G.S. 161-4(a) requires bond of not less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) nor more than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to be approved by the Board of Commissioners, payable to the State and conditioned for the safekeeping of the books and records, and for the faithful discharge of the duties of the office. (*Insurance recommendation fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)*).

3. **Sheriff** – N.C.G.S. 162-8 states the amount of the bond shall be determined by the Board of Commissioners but shall not exceed twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000). (*Insurance recommendation twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000)*).

4. **Tax Administrator and Deputy Tax Administrator:** Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-349(c) no tax collector shall be allowed to begin duties until he/she shall have furnished bond conditioned upon the collector’s honesty and faithful performance in such an amount as the governing body may prescribe. A tax collector shall not be permitted to collect any taxes not covered by his/her bond. (*Insurance recommendation two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for each officer*).

WHEREAS, the Moore County Finance Office has secured from The Ohio Casualty Insurance Company and Western Surety Company the attached official bonds for the above referenced public officials in the amounts recommended for the Moore County Board of Commissioners’ consideration and approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Moore County Board of Commissioners that this Resolution and the attached Official Bonds, Riders, and Renewals for the public officials referenced herein have been duly examined, authorized, approved, and acknowledged as needed and the Chair and bonded principals listed below are authorized to sign/acknowledge the same, in the following amounts:

1. **Chief Finance Officer - \$1,000,000**
2. **Register of Deeds - \$50,000**
3. **Sheriff - \$25,000**
4. **Tax Administrator and Deputy Tax Administrator - \$250,000 for each officer**
5. **Chief Finance Officer Convention and Visitors Bureau- \$260,000**

Adopted this 5th day of December 2022.



Chair
Moore County Board of Commissioners



Laura M. Williams
Clerk to the Board

