

OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA
December 20, 2021

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a special meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Auditorium, Granville Expo and Convention Center, 4185 US Highway 15 South, Oxford. The purpose of the Special Meeting was to appoint a Sheriff.

Present were:

Chair: Tony W. Cozart

Commissioners: Jimmy Gooch Sue Hinman
Zelodis Jay Timothy Karan
Russ May David T. Smith

County Manager: Michael S. Felts

County Attorney: James C. Wrenn, Jr.

News Reporters: Amanda Dixon – *Butner-Creedmoor News*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 9:03 a.m., Chairman Tony W. Cozart called the meeting to order. He then recognized Commissioner David T. Smith for the invocation and Pledge of Allegiance.

BOARD WENT INTO CLOSED SESSION

Upon a motion by Commissioner Sue Hinman, seconded by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, and unanimously carried, the Board went into closed session as allowed by G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3) and (6) for attorney-client and personnel matters. Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board returned to regular session.

BOARD APPOINTED JOHN BLACKWELL HARDY, III AS SHERIFF OF GRANVILLE COUNTY

Commissioner Zelodis Jay said that after the completion of the process and review of candidates, he would like to nominate John Blackwell Hardy, III as Sheriff of Granville County. Commissioner Sue Hinman seconded the motion. When Chairman Cozart called for a show of hands vote on the matter, it passed unanimously to appoint John Blackwell Hardy, III as Sheriff of Granville County to fill the remaining term.

Chairman Cozart congratulated Mr. Hardy and thanked him for filling the position at this crucial time.

Mr. Hardy thanked the Board for the opportunity and said he was looking forward to serving the citizens.

Mr. Hardy will assume all duties and powers of the position following the administration of the Oath of Office. County Attorney Wrenn said that the swearing-in of Mr. Hardy is tentatively scheduled for December 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in the Superior Court Room pending the finalization of the bond for the position.

BOARD APPROVED LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO DIANE N. KONOPKA

Commissioner Smith announced that Diane N. Konopka with the North Carolina Department of Justice Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission is retiring and had been a tremendous help in the process of vetting the Sheriff candidates. He asked the Board to consider a letter of appreciation and thanks.

Upon a motion by Commissioner David T. Smith, seconded by Commissioner Sue Hinman, and unanimously carried, the Board approved a letter of appreciation and thanks to Diane N. Konopka.

County Attorney Wrenn added that Ms. Konopka as well as Eddie Caldwell with the North Carolina Sheriff's Association have given him invaluable assistance and support throughout the Sheriff selection process.

COMMISSIONERS ADJOURN

Upon a motion by Commissioner Russ May, seconded by Commissioner David T. Smith, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Debra A. Weary, NCMCC, CMC
Clerk to the Board