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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING** December 12, 2022

**ALEXANDER COUNTY
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

PRESENT: Ronnie Reese, Chairman
Marty Pennell, Vice-Chairman
Kent Herman
Josh Lail
Larry Yoder

STAFF: Jamie Starnes, Clerk to the Board

The Alexander County Board of Commissioners held a special called meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022 in Room 103 of the CVCC / Alexander Center in Taylorsville, North Carolina.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Reese called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Yoder gave the invocation and Vice-Chairman Pennell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

No reports were given.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Herman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER PROPOSAL

Sheriff Chad Pennell reiterated his plans to reclassify 3 current Sheriff's Office employees and hire 3 new officers to place a School Resource Officer at each of the 6 elementary schools not

located within the Town of Taylorsville’s jurisdiction. He added that after reviewing costs and other budgetary issues with Jennifer Herman, Finance Director, he feels the estimated cost to the County for benefits not covered by the grant and equipment will likely be less than what he originally presented at the December 5, 2022 Commissioners’ Meeting.

In response to a question by Vice-Chairman Pennell related to projected timeframe of having an SRO placed at all elementary schools, Sheriff Pennell hoped to have at least two and possibly 3 placed after Christmas break.

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #29

Jamie Starnes, Clerk to the Board, presented Budget #29 to increase the Sheriff’s Office budget to employ School Resource Officers at 6 elementary schools, beginning in December or January and continuing through the remainder of the school year. The Alexander County School System will reimburse the County for the SRO salaries and benefits with funds received from the NC Safer Schools Grant Program.

Commissioner Yoder made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #29. Commissioner Herman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

BOARD APPOINTMENTS & REAPPOINTMENTS

Jamie Starnes, Clerk to the Board, requested that Sheriff Chad Pennell be appointed to the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council to a term that will expire on June 30, 2024.

Commissioner Lail made a motion to approve the appointment. Commissioner Herman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION – N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) CONTRACTUAL

Chairman Reese made a motion to enter into Closed Session at 6:08 PM to discuss contractual matters pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5). Commissioner Yoder seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Yoder made a motion to adjourn at 6:52 PM. Commissioner Herman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Ronnie L. Reese, Chairman

Jamie M. Starnes, Clerk to the Board