The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met in a special called session on this date, at the hour of 8:00 a.m. in the Commissioners’ Chambers of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

**PRESENT:**
- Kevin Gordon, Chairman
- Deb Hardin, Vice-Chair
- Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
- Ronnie Whetstine, Commissioner
- Doug Bridges, Commissioner
- Brian Epley, County Manager
- Tim Moore, County Attorney
- Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board
- Kerri Melton, Assistant County Manager

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Kevin Gordon called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Hutchins provided the invocation and led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**APPROVAL OF THE SHERIFF’S BOND**

Chairman Gordon recognized County Manager Brian Epley to present the Sheriff’s Bond. North Carolina General Statute 162-9 requires counties to bond the Sheriff in re-election years. The bond is statutorily driven at $10,000.

**ACTION:** Commissioner Hutchins made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Whetstine, and passed unanimously by the Board to approve the Sheriff’s Bond.
OATH OF OFFICE FOR SHERIFF

I, Alan Norman, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and maintain the Constitution and laws of the United States, and the Constitution and laws of North Carolina not inconsistent therewith, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of my office as Sheriff of Cleveland County, so help me, God.

I, Alan Norman, do solemnly and sincerely swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States; that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; and that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability; so help me, God.

I, Alan Norman, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will execute the Office of Sheriff of Cleveland County to the best of my knowledge and ability, agreeably to law; and that I will not, receive, accept or use, directly or indirectly, any fee, gift, bribe, gratuity or reward whatsoever, the returning any man to serve as a juror or for making any false return on any process to me directed; so help me, God.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of December, 2022.

Judge James W. McGue
Superior Court Judge
278 District
ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Bridges, and unanimously adopted by the Board, to adjourn the meeting. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Monday, December 5, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners Chamber for an Organizational Meeting.

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Kevin Gordon, Chairman
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners

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Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board
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