

Cleveland County Board of Commissioners
December 30, 2024

The Cleveland County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called meeting on this date, at the hour of 10:00 a.m. in the Commission Chambers of the Cleveland County Administrative Offices.

PRESENT: Kevin Gordon, Chair
Deb Hardin, Vice-Chairman
Johnny Hutchins, Commissioner
Doug Bridges, Commissioner
Tony Berry, Commissioner
David Cotton, County Manager
Martha Thompson, Deputy County Attorney
Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board
Kerri Melton, Assistant County Manager
Sherry Lavender, Tax Assessor
Philip Steffan, Finance Director

CALL TO ORDER

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

AGENDA ADOPTION

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board, to *approve the agenda as presented.*

CLOSED SESSION

ACTION: Commissioner Bridges made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to go into closed session per North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee. (Copy of closed session Minutes is sealed and found in the Closed Session Minute Book).*

RECONVENE IN REGULAR SESSION

Chairman Gordon stated, *“The Board is in open session. During the closed session, the Board did decide on the appointment of the County Attorney.”*

ACTION: Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board to, *appoint Jonathan Sink as the County Attorney with a contract to be finalized by an outside attorney and the Board Chairman by January 21, 2025. The contract period is January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025, with a billable rate of \$250 per hour.”*

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Commissioner Hardin made the motion, seconded by Commissioner Hutchins and unanimously adopted by the Board, *to adjourn the meeting.* The next regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for *Tuesday, January 21, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Chambers.*

Kevin Gordon, Chair
Cleveland County Board of Commissioners

Phyllis Nowlen, Clerk to the Board
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