

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS JOINT MEETING WITH  
MARTINSVILLE CITY COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**May 26, 2021 – 6:00 p.m.**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and Martinsville City Council held a joint meeting on May 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at New College Institute, 191 Fayette Street, Martinsville, Virginia. The following Board members were present: Jim Adams, Chairman, Debra Buchanan, Vice-Chairman, Joe Bryant, Tommy Slaughter, Ryan Zehr, and David Martin.

Martinsville City Council members present were: Mayor Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles, Tammy Pearson, Danny Turner, and Chad Martin.

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Mayor Kathy Lawson called Martinsville City Council to order. Chairman Jim Adams called the Henry County Board of Supervisors to order.

**CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS RELATED TO REVERSION**

The timeline of the reversion process to date was presented by City Attorney Eric Monday and County Attorney George Lyle.

**REVIEW OF PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN CITY OF MARTINSVILLE AND HENRY COUNTY**

The proposed memorandum of understanding was presented by Mr. Peipgrass and Mr. Carroll. (Copy of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Reversion of City of Martinsville to Town Status Within Henry County included in Board's File)

**CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Mayor Kathy Lawson, Vice Mayor Jennifer Bowles, Tammy Pearson, Danny Turner, and Chad Martin each took a few moments to comment on the reversion process and the MOU.

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMENTS**

Chairman Jim Adams, Vice-Chairman Debra Buchanan, Joe Bryant, Tommy Slaughter, Ryan Zehr, and Dr. Martin each took a few moments to comment on the reversion process and the MOU. Several members noted their dissatisfaction in the negative impact that reversion will have on County residents.

**CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

A. City Council

On a motion by Danny Turner and seconded by Chad Martin, Council approved the Memorandum of Understanding by the following vote:

AYES: Pearson, Martin, Turner, Bowles, and Lawson  
NAYS: None

B. Board of Supervisors

On a motion by David Martin and seconded by Ryan Zehr, the Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding by the following vote:

AYES: Slaughter, Zehr, Martin, and Adams  
NAYS: Buchanan and Bryant

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, David Martin moved to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Debra Buchanan seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Adams, Buchanan, Slaughter, Bryant, Zehr, and Martin.  
NAYS: None.

Chad Martin moved to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Jennifer Bowles seconded the motion, and it carried by the following vote:

AYES: Pearson, Martin, Turner, Bowles, and Lawson  
NAYS: None.