The Avery County Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting on Friday, January 28, 2022 at 8:45 a.m. in Courtroom B, Avery County Courthouse, 200 Montezuma Street, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting was to take all action necessary to fill a vacancy in the office of Sheriff pursuant to NCGS 162-5.1, appoint a Sheriff pursuant to NCGS 162-5.1, and to consider and vote on a proclamation regarding Sheriff Kevin Frye.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Tim Phillips, Vice-Chair; Dennis Aldridge; Wood Hall Young, Jr.

Members Absent: Blake Vance

Call To Order
Chair Hicks called the meeting to order at 8:50 a.m.
Dennis Aldridge led prayer.
Tim Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Hicks read the Resolution.

WHEREAS, the Avery County Sheriff has tendered his resignation; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina General Statutes 162-5.1 provides that the Board of Commissioners shall appoint a sheriff to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term and further provides that the Board of Commissioners shall consult the Avery County Republican Executive Committee before filling any vacancy and shall appoint the person recommended by the Republican Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Avery County Republican Executive Committee duly met in January 2022 and makes a recommendation that Danny Phillips (a/k/a Daniel Keith Phillips) be appointed Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Sheriffs' Education and Training Standards Commission has provided a valid disclosure statement of no felony convictions or expungements dated 25 January 2022 for Daniel Keith Phillips as required by NCGS 162-5.1(d);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 162-5.1 the Avery County Board of County Commissioners hereby appoints Daniel Keith Phillips as Sheriff of Avery County to serve for the remainder of the current term.

Motion by Tim Phillips and second by Dennis Aldridge to Adopt the Resolution Appointing Daniel Keith Phillips as Sheriff. Motion unanimously approved with those in attendance (4-0).
Phillip Barrier, Jr., County Manager read a Resolution of Appreciation Recognizing Sheriff Kevin Frye.

WHEREAS, Sheriff Kevin Frye has served the people in law enforcement since 1985; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Frye has served as the Avery County Sheriff for fifteen years; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Frye has worked tirelessly during his tenure to fight crime and protect the safety of the people of Avery County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Frye has worked with the Board of Commissioners, the Board of Education, and others to improve the safety of Avery County; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Frye implemented innovative programs such as Crisis Intervention Training and K-9 officers in schools during his time as sheriff; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Frye has modeled a strong sense of professionalism, courtesy, and community engagement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Avery County Commissioners extends its appreciation and best wishes to Sheriff Kevin Frye and his family for his years of service to the profession of law enforcement in Avery County, and extends their best wishes to him on his new role.

Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Tim Phillips to adopt the Resolution of Appreciation Recognizing Sheriff Kevin Frye. Motion unanimously approved with those in attendance (4-0).

Adjourn
Motion by Wood Hall Young, Jr. and second by Tim Phillips to adjourn this meeting at 9:03 a.m. Motion unanimously approved with those in attendance (4-0).

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Martha Hicks, Chair
Avery County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:_______________________________
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk