

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL SESSION – August 10, 2026**

Assembly

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Monday, August 10, 2026, in the Commissioners' Board Room, 69 N. Main Street, Marion, NC.

Members Present

Chairman, Tony Brown; Vice-Chair, Lynn Greene; Trisha Garner;

Members Absent

Patrick Ellis; David Walker

Others Present

Ashley Wooten, County Manager; Madalyn Robinson, Clerk to the Board; Retired Sheriff Ricky Buchanan; Incoming Sheriff Nathan Mace; Judge Ellen Shelley

Call to Order

Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Chairman Brown welcomed everyone and welcomed retired Sheriff Ricky Buchanan. Chairman Brown expressed his appreciation for the service that he gave the community and the County. Sheriff Buchanan did a wonderful job, and the Board looks forward to incoming Sheriff Mace's service as Sheriff for the County.

Appointment of Sheriff

Chairman Brown turned the meeting over to Mr. Wooten to explain the process of appointing Sheriff Mace.

A vacancy in the Sheriff's office was created following the retirement of Sheriff Buchanan on Jul 31st, 12026. Since then, Chief Deputy Mace has assumed the responsibilities of the office. In accordance with NC General Statute 162-5.1, the Board is required to appoint the nominee chosen by the former officeholder's party executive committee, which is the McDowell County Republican Party. The McDowell County GOP Executive Committee has officially nominated Chief Deputy Mace for the role of Sheriff. The Board must now formally appoint Mr. Mace, who will complete the

remaining portion of Sheriff Buchanan's term before starting a new term in December following the November election.

With Mr. Mace's bond having already been approved, he will officially be sworn into office following the adjournment of the meeting. Vice-Chair Greene moved to appoint Nathan Mace as Sheriff of McDowell County, seconded by Commissioner Garner. By a vote of 3-0, the motion passed.

Adjournment

Vice-Chair Greene moved to adjourn at 8:03 am, seconded by Commissioner Garner. By a vote of 3-0, the motion passed, and the meeting was adjourned.