

TOWN OF FRANKLINVILLE
163 West Main Street
Franklinville, North Carolina 27248
October 6, 2020 @ 7:30pm
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
Held at 227 West Main Street, United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

Attending:

Mayor Perry Conner, Mayor Pro-Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner AC Hurley, Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, Commissioner Mac Whatley
Finance Officer- Beverly O'Brien
Utility Clerk-Christie Gunter
Public Works Director- Arnold Allred
Public Works Assistant Director- Joe Walsh
Guests: Ramseur Mayor Vicki Caudle, Harvey Harman, Don Hill, Librarian Charity Neave Johnson, Audrey McKinnon, Sheriff Greg Seabolt, Vernie Monroe Thomas, Jill Wood, LDO Consultant

20-88 COMMISSIONERS MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

20-89 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion Adopted. Consent agenda accepted.

20-90 OLD BUSINESS CURTIS PROPERTY

Town Clerk O'Brien discussed the sale of the Curtis property and what the requirements of the State are for disposition of Town real property. She discussed the sealed bid process versus the hiring of an auctioneer and the State regulations included in the Commissioner's packets for their consideration. Included here. She discussed the bid and up-set bid process and the advertising requirements and asked the Commissioners to set a minimum bid for the property. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to set a minimum bid of \$50,000.00 for the property. Seconded by Commissioner A.C. Hurley. Motion adopted, unanimously. Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to advertise a sealed bid process with an upset bid period following State statutes. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Mayor Conner asked Town Clerk O'Brien to verify that the well easement for the property had been properly recorded.

20-91 RANDOLPH COUNTY SHERIFF SEABOLT

Mayor Conner recognized Sheriff Seabolt to address the Board. Sheriff Seabolt stated he understands the problems with certain properties and tenants in Town causing repeat problems that do not seem to be resolved by his department. He particularly discussed the recent problems with an address on East Bend scaring the neighborhood with gunfire. He has instructed his patrol officers to check back frequently and advised the residents to keep calling at every occurrence. He expressed his concern and understanding of the problems of a small town and wished he had more officers available but encourages citizens to call the department if an officer is needed. He discussed the needs of Trinity and the drug offenses that require extra officers in that part of the County. Commissioner Goodwin asked Sheriff Seabolt to help with the speeding issues through town, and his fear that someone would be hurt on Main Street because of the speeding. Sheriff Seabolt discussed using the Urban Interdiction Team when possible and a license plate reader when it is available.

Mr. Don Hill discussed the incidence of gun fire and issues have slowed down but shooting at night and large dogs running loose from the property on East Bend is still a problem.

Mayor Conner expressed appreciation to Sheriff Seabolt for addressing the Board and the community about the problem.

General discussion reference the COVID 19 pandemic and law enforcement. The Randolph County Detention Center is in good shape and has a good record of compliance with the health protocols but cannot afford to get complacent. The new addition should be open April or May 2021 with 420 beds. Sheriff Seabolt discussed acquiring a new tactical robot with seized drug money. He discussed possible problems after the election and the preparation for protests.

Commissioner Brandon Hurley asked if someone on East Bend had a security camera and could use the footage to prosecute the troublesome neighbor, as well as thanking the neighbors for keeping their cool and not confronting the neighbor. Mayor Conner said he would look into whether other neighbors owned camera systems and thanked the Sheriff for coming to the meeting to discuss the problem. Sheriff Seabolt thanked the Board for allowing him to speak with them.

20-92 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien reported on the finances for the fiscal year and discussed the successful pay agreements and the installation and training for the on-line payment process. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem, Dunn to accept the Administration Report. Seconded by Commissioner A.C. Hurley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

20-93 PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley discussed the timeline for the introduction of the Textile Museum bill to the General Assembly. He expects the Committee to report to the Legislature in the next session which begins in January (dependent on Covid restrictions, of course).

20-94 PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Conner and Commissioner A.C. Hurley discussed new emergency signage for the Greenway and Faith Rock trails. Commissioner A.C. Hurley walked Faith Rock and the Greenway and ordered 20 signs at 6.50 each from Beane signs to aid the Fire Department and EMS in locating victims, if necessary. The signs will be mounted prominently, mostly on trees.

20- 95 PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Charity Neave Johnson is the new Librarian based in Franklinville. She is a Franklinville Township resident and lives on Walker Store Road. She discussed her prior work for the Guilford Library and the Liberty Library. Ms. Johnson has two sons and will also work as the Librarian at the Seagrove Library. She is looking forward to expanding programs and hours in Franklinville, post Covid, and recognizes the need for the Library to provide Wi-Fi services, particularly while the virtual learning is so necessary. She is eager to work with the local community.

Commissioner Whatley read a letter from the Architect willing to work on the Grant application for the new Library and Town Hall. He was suggested by the USDA and says the costs would be built into the grant, if awarded.

He listed \$5,400.00 for architectural preliminary plans

\$1,800.00 for plat survey

\$ 800.00 application preparation

\$8,000.00 Ball park price with a

\$12,000.00 Public Facilities grant would cover 100%.

Commissioner Whatley, motion to accept application offer, letter and scope of the work for the Library and Town Hall application. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.

Mayor Conner read the most recent up-date from Amanda Ratliff, with Parents as Partners. She thanked the Commissioners for their continued support and continues her virtual home visits and is proud of her students and families and their successes.

20-96 PUBLIC UTILITES

Public Works Director Allred discussed his Public Works report, see attached, and discussed the clean-out of the Ogles Creek pumping station and finishing the Ramseur Water Plant TTHM project. Mayor Conner asked Director Allred to arrange for the Board

members to tour the Water Plant and see the improvements. The Mayor has checked with Ramsey Mayor Vicki Caudle and the date is possibly the 29th of October. Director Allred will set it up for the Commissioners. Director Allred discussed the 2nd TTHM contract for the water tanks work and thinks the tank work will begin next month. He expects Utility Services to bring a 10,000 gallon pressurized tank at the end of October for the Providence Grove tank replacement while the maintenance, repaint and installation is done on that tank. Director Allred discussed the approval of the speedbump at Sunrise Avenue and the Sunrise speedbump. He presented receipts of \$435.91 in damage to alignment and his muffler along with a tow bill for his vehicle. General discussion reference the State regulations and the height of the speedbump. Mayor Conner and Commissioner Whatley maintained the road is a Town roadway and is not a State roadway and is properly marked with signs as the State Police Report noted. Mr. Thomas stated he saw the speed bump but did not expect a mountain. He suggested rumble strips to slow traffic and warn of the speed bump ahead. Commissioner Goodwin discussed the ample warning of the speedbump, even at night. Mayor Conner discussed checking further into the compliance of the speedbump and regulations. Mr. Thomas offered his measurements done with a lazer level. General discussion reference the street and decision by the Board to table the issue until the December meeting as the November meeting is canceled because the Election Board will be using the building in November. Mayor Conner thanked Mr. Thomas for coming.

20-97 NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Whatley discussed the sale of the Old Store Building to Ray and Vicki Caudle. They have presented an offer to buy after the previous offer from a gentleman in Raleigh fell through. Commissioner Whatley reiterated that the Town could sell this property without bids because of the Historic designation, and the best use decision could be made by the Board. See attached purchase offer from the Caudles. Commissioner Whatley will execute a memorandum of purchase agreement, changing the attached one to read “the parking lot to the East of the building”. See attached memorandum. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to accept the purchase offer of the Caudles for the Old Store Building. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

20-98 NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Commissioner Whatley discussed the property at both Cedar Falls and Andrew Hunter Road. He discussed clean-up for the future museum property and the funds available from the museum fund to hire clean-up equipment and firms. He felt the funds would go further and more could be accomplished if The Randolph Heritage Conservancy could contract with the Town and use Town equipment and personnel to clean up the property. Director Allred and Mayor Conner both suggested to set fees which would cover the wear and tear on the equipment and the payroll withholding for the personnel. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to allow the Heritage Conservancy to contract the cleanup**

**with the Town. Seconded by Commissioner Dunn. Motion adopted. 4 pro,
Commissioner A.C. Hurley against.**

Harvey Harmen from the Living Well Community discussed the LDO and his discussions with both the Mayor and Town Clerk in reference to the conceptual plan for his community and his historical understanding of the way his community's plans are reviewed. Mayor Conner agreed and will write a letter addressing the points he would like clarified for the LDO.

Mayor Conner discussed the TTHM projects and the successful completion of the 1st Contract by the Franklinville Public Works Department. General discussion reference, canceling the November meeting due to lack of a meeting space that will meet Covid 19 restrictions and the inability to use the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall during the month because of its use as an early voting site.

**Motion by Commissioner Whatley to Adjourn.
Seconded by Commissioner A.C. Hurley
Adjourned 9:32 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted
(SEAL)

Perry L. Conner, Mayor

Attest: _____
Beverly O'Brien
Finance Officer/Deputy Town Clerk