

TOWN OF FRANKLINVILLE
163 West Main Street
Franklinville, North Carolina 27248
December 1, 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: Amy Case, Mike Case, Harvey Harman, Vernie Monroe Thomas

20-99 COMMISSIONERS MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence

20-100 CONSENT AGENDA

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

20-101 OLD BUSINESS CEMETERY POLICY

Town Clerk O'Brien discussed the proposed Cemetery policy for the Town, included in these minutes, and asked the Board to consider the proposed policy as a beginning point to have some guidelines in place and a structure for the office to work with before the Cemetery is accepted by the Town from the Methodist Church. The policy is based on the informal policy of the Church and can be adapted as is needed later. The transfer is expected to occur around the end of the month, depending on the attorney's schedule.

Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to adopt the Cemetery Policy. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.

Mayor Conner discussed the increase in revenues last month and the projections for the year. He went over the Finance Officer's report with Mrs. O'Brien and discussed the recent tax revenue increases.

20-102 OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED, MR. THOMAS

Mayor Conner discussed the request of Mr. Thomas for payment of damages to his vehicle he said were caused by the Sunrise Avenue speedbump. This request was tabled for further

discussion at the October Board meeting. Mr. Thomas has presented receipts for payment of \$435.91. He requested \$125.00 for towing expense, \$114.03 for alignment repair, and \$196.88 for exhaust system repair costs. He further stated the height and width of the speed bump was illegal by State standards. Mayor Conner and Commissioner Whatley, along with Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the different requirements between a Town street and a State highway. Mayor Conner suggested the Town offer to pay the towing expense and stated there had been no other damages from citizens and the speedbump was installed to Town specifications. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to reimburse the towing expense of \$125.00 and offer an apology to Mr. Thomas. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted unanimously.** Mayor Conner apologized to Mr. Thomas for his difficulties and expressed appreciation for him bringing the problem to the Board. General discussion from Mr. Thomas and the Board reference the speedbump, Sunrise Avenue, and other local issues.

20-103 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien reported on the finances for the fiscal year and discussed the continued reporting required from the State about the utility pay agreements and the Covid Relief Fund. She also discussed the good response to the roll out of the on-line pay option and the generally positive changes to the administrative office duties, i.e., fewer phone calls and phone payments. She also discussed the filing of both the TTHM Water project reimbursement requests and the Greenway project submittals. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem, Dunn to accept the Administration report. Seconded by Commissioner A.C. Hurley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

20-104 PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley discussed the recent Planning Board meeting and the presentation of the revisions Jill Wood, LDO consultant, has completed so far. The Planning Board was impressed with the changes and improvements to the plan. They will continue to review the changes and then bring the document to the full Board for review. Commissioner Brandon Hurley requested a copy of the documents for study. Commissioner Goodwin and Commissioner Whatley expressed appreciation for the hard work done by Jill Wood.

20-105 PUBLIC SAFETY

Assistant Public Works Director Joe Walsh discussed the proposal from Duke Energy to install new bulbs in town at a cost of \$450.00. 37 lights would be brought up to date, with a cost of \$50.00 each for 9 lights. The other 28 upgrades would be free to the town because of their age. Mayor Conner and Finance Officer O'Brien had researched the use of Powell funds and decided this was not an available option for payment. The funds will have to come from the utilities line item and if needed, a budget amendment later in the year to cover the costs. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to upgrade the streetlights. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

20-106 PUBLIC SERVICES REPORT

Commissioner Whatley discussed specifications for the new Town Hall building and Library building. The Architect has done a square footage survey and a plat survey of the property. The grant application process only requires square feet and specifications. It does not require floor plans. The architect expects the grant application to be ready by mid January. General discussion of the installation of beefed up wi-fi for the Library and parking lot supplied by a State grant for Libraries. The County expects installation to be finished in the next 2 weeks.

Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the huge turnout for the socially distanced, drive through Trunk or Treat event in the park. He discussed the very positive participation from the local churches. Mayor Conner discussed the unfortunate need to cancel the Christmas Parade because of the increase of Covid-19 cases in the County and the hope that next year would see a great Christmas parade.

20-107 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Assistant Public Works Director Walsh discussed his Public Works report, see attached, and discussed the salvage and recycling of piping near the old dye pond that saved the town about \$3,000.00. Mayor Conner discussed the Board's tour of the Water Plant TTHM project. Mayor Conner discussed the improvements to the Water Plant and particularly the lab area and how well they were completed by our department. Assistant Director Walsh discussed the 2nd TTHM contract for the water tanks work and thinks the tank work will begin next month. He also discussed restaurant repairs and the replacement of a drain line for the restaurant. Assistant Director Walsh discussed the work to start at the site of the old mill on Andrew Hunter Road in the next few weeks and a budget for the project from the Textile museum line item. Commissioner Whatley suggested limiting the costs to \$10,000.00, as the other funds will be needed to finish out the year. Mr. Walsh discussed the progress on the new ballfield at Otus Thomas Field and suggested the cost cutting method of selling the usable timber. Assistant Director Walsh showed a slide show presentation on some of the more difficult or unusual projects completed this year by the department. Mayor Conner thanked Mr. Walsh and the Public Works Department for all their hard work the past year.

20-108 TRANSPORTATION

There were no new additions to the transportation report.

20-109 NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Conner and Finance Officer O'Brien discussed the acceptance of the Davidson Randolph Hazard Mitigation Plan. Randolph County Emergency Services requested the formal adoption by the Town of the mitigation plan ordinance by the end of the year. See attached. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to adopt the plan for the Town of**

Franklinville. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.
General Discussion reference the Franklinville School Choice Week proclamation for the week of January 24-30, 2021. **Motion by Commissioner Brandon Hurley to adopt the proclamation. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Mayor Conner opened the sealed bids for the sale of the Curtis property.

#1 Mr. Mike Case \$56,001.99.

#2 DLRW, LLC \$67,000.00

#3 JEM, INC \$51,000.00

Mr. Stone with DLRW, LLC is high bid with \$67,000.00.

The bid will now be advertised and held open for an upset bid period to be closed on December 14th at 5:00pm. The Clerk will advertise.

General discussion reference the elections and the success of the early voting location in Franklinville. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn reported that 9,293 people voted at the Franklinville location and the feedback was positive. Mayor Conner thanked the Public Works and office staff for their hard work the past year.

Motion by Commissioner A.C. Hurley to Adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Whatley

Adjourned 8:39 pm.

Respectfully Submitted
(SEAL)

Perry L. Conner, Mayor

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