



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting- April 6, 2021 @7:30 pm
Held at 163 West Main Street, Franklinville Town Hall**

Attending:

Mayor Perry Conner, Mayor Pro-Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner A.C. Hurley
Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, Commissioner Mac Whatley
Finance Officer/Town Clerk-Beverly O'Brien
Utility Clerk-Christie Gunter
Public Works Director- Arnold Allred
Public Works Assistant Director- Joe Walsh
Guests: Harvey Harman, Brenda Jones, Jill Wood

21-120 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of silence/ prayer

21-121 CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Conner discussed the consent agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to accept the Consent Agenda. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

21-122 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien presented the financial report. Revenues are holding above projections, O'Brien gave the Board a brief presentation on the American Rescue Plan and the guidance she has received, so far, from the State Treasury Department, the Local Government Commission and the NC Department of Emergency Management. She attended, via zoom, a training session and information session on the spending guidelines and the process for setting up the Fund, since it will be considered a Federal Grant and will require a Federal Yellow Book, more expensive audit. Finance Officer O'Brien provided a guide she developed from the training to help the Commissioners as they develop ideas for projects and expenditures. Final guidance should be released by the Treasury Department by the end of April. She presented the necessary budget amendments, see attached and discussed the changes needed to cover overages in a few departments. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to accept the Budget amendments presented and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Finance Officer O'Brien discussed the new hire for the part-time position in the office, Rosario Herrera. She had 45 applications and interviewed 5 and chose Ms. Herrera for her flexible schedule and computer skills. Her first task will be to start reformatting and retyping the Ordinance Book for electronic conversion to be linked to the Town Website, as well as learning the payment process for the utility bills.

General discussion of a good time for the first Budget Meeting for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022. Mayor Conner suggested Director Allred investigate the costs of repairs to cracks around the foundation of the footbridge in the park and get some ideas on pricing for sidewalk repairs on Main Street.

21-123 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Planning Consultant Jill Wood gave a report on the 160-D up-dates to the Land Development Ordinances and discussed the next Planning Board Meeting to be held on April 22nd at 6:30 pm. Commissioner Whatley discussed the addition of easements on properties for the Iron Works Trail and introduced a resolution in support of the lease of the property from the State to develop the trail through the property. Commissioner Whatley read the Resolution to the Board. See attached. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to accept the resolution and send to our Representatives in Raleigh in support. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted unanimously.** Commissioner Whatley discussed the introduction of the Annexation Exemption Bills in the State House and Senate by Representative McNeill and Senator Craven. The bills have gone to committee.

21-124 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the use of a digital sign for reducing speeding through Town. Director Allred will price radar signs, similar to what the Town of Liberty uses for their downtown area.

21-125 PUBLIC SERVICES

Commissioner Whatley discussed the reopening of the Library to the Public and the limitation of capacity. He discussed then new hours of the Library.

Mayor Conner read the most recent report from Amanda Ratliff with Smart Start, Partnership for Children. See included. She discussed the “Week of the Young Child” endorsed by the County.

Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the opening of the baseball season on April 19th.

21-126 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Arnold Allred presented his report. See attached. He discussed the submission of the Sewer Treatment Plant Licensure Renewal for 2021 and gave a copy to the Clerk. Director Allred discussed the water loss report from Town and Country and Pine Crest mobile home parks, see included. Director Allred gave a positive report on the TTHM testing and levels in both water tanks since final installation of the TTHM equipment. Mayor Conner discussed how the reduction of flushing costs will affect the next fiscal year’s budget. Director Allred stated that the reduction would come the following year because of the need to test for a complete hot weather cycle before renegotiating with the Town of Ramseur. Director Allred discussed the installation of new bulbs for better lighting at the Otus Thomas Ballfield. General discussion reference the ballfield lighting improvements and the work progressing at the ballfield. Director Allred noted the overages in the ballfield project and asked for more money to be budgeted to cover the needed improvements. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to move \$20,000.00 from the General Fund to the Recreation Fund for the overages and improvements. Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

21-127 TRANSPORTATION

Commissioner A. C. Hurley discussed the need to repave and patch some areas of town that have not been repaired lately. He asked about the available Powell Funds. General discussion reference the Powell Fund and road repairs.

21-128 VISITORS COMMENTS

Brenda Jones of Sunrise Avenue complimented the Fire Department on their recent response to an accident scene near her daughter’s home, and their professionalism. She also asked if the concession stand at the Otus Thomas field would be open this Spring and was answered by Commissioner Brandon Hurley in the affirmative.

Michael Stewart with Frontier Landscapes was welcomed by the Commissioners as both a new business owner in town and a new property owner. Mr. Stewart will soon be building a home on Depot Street and is currently maintaining the Methodist Church lawn.

Commissioner Goodwin discussed the old store building that was purchased by Ray and Vickie Caudle and where the sewer lines are located. Director Allred discussed the location of the sewer lines for the building.

21-129 MAYOR’S COMMENTS

Mayor Conner discussed the scheduled April 17th Litter sweep and the need for local volunteers. April 17th from 8am to 10am at the Park. Mayor Conner also discussed project “Safe Neighborhoods” and asked to include the costs of \$208.00 per year in the budget and fund for this year. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to fund the \$208.00. Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley. Motion adopted unanimously.**

Mayor Conner announced National Trails Day and the Healthy Communities initiative for June 13th at the Faith Rock Park Footbridge. As part of National Trails Day, the walk will be open to the County and will begin at the Faith Rock Footbridge. Mayor Conner also discussed his meeting with County representatives about the new American Recovery Plan funding program and how this will affect Franklinville and the surrounding communities.

**Commissioner A.C. Hurley, motion to Adjourn.
Seconded by Commissioner Whatley.
Adjourned 8:51 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted

(SEAL)

Perry L. Conner, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O’Brien

Finance Officer/Deputy Town Clerk

