



## **MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**September 13, 2021**

ATTENDEES: Mayor Perry L. Conner, Mayor Pro-Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner A.C. Hurley, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, Commissioner Mac Whatley  
Finance Officer/Town Clerk- Beverly O'Brien  
Utility Clerk- Christie Gunter  
Public Works Director- Arnold Allred  
Assistant Public Works Director- Joe Walsh  
GUESTS: Laurie Cone, Billy Farias, Harvey Harman, Michael Johnston, Craig Smith, Bill Lester, LKC Engineering and Sam Tracy, LKC Engineering

### **22-18 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence/Prayer

### **22-19 CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Conner opened the consent agenda. Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.

### **22-20 OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Conner introduced a resolution in support of the Greenway Bridge application for the Piedmont Triad Regional Trail System. **Commissioner Goodwin, motion to support the application for the Sandy Creek Pedestrian Bridge. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Point of Personal Privilege, Commissioner Goodwin, does this obligate the Town to fund the bridge? Mayor Conner answered that it did not obligate the Town. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

### **22-21 ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Finance Officer O'Brien introduced the Resolution for the Low -Income Water Assistance Program in conjunction with Randolph County DSS and NC DHHS. The resolution allows the Town Office to share information with the Randolph County DSS office to receive funds for the water customers bills. Christie Gunter over the Town Utilities, and Beverly O'Brien, Finance,

both received training on the new State program. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to adopt the resolution. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Finance Officer O'Brien discussed the proposed budget amendment, see attached. This amendment would move \$2,800.00 from the General Fund to the Capital Improvement Fund for the Bank building windows and doors. The costs were more than expected after the hardware and doorhandles and locks were purchased. **Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn, motion to appropriate \$2,800.00 to the Capital Improvement Fund. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

#### **22-22 PLANNING and DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioner Whatley discussed the meeting held for Randolph County for the ARP application Process and the Presentations given for the Town Library project. The meeting seemed positive with multiple questions from the County Commissioners about the project and the scope of the planning so far. Commissioner Whatley presented the information to the County Commissioners on August 30<sup>th</sup> and they will meet to decide about funding in the next few months.

#### **22-23 PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mayor Conner and Commissioner Goodwin discussed the possible contracting with the Randolph County Sheriff's Department for a part-time Deputy for the Town. General discussion reference a possible contract based on other local town's contracts for coverage. Mayor Conner discussed the tax implications of the proposed contracts; to cover the position for the \$42,800.00 rate, a tax increase of almost 6 cents would be needed. Mayor Conner suggested to table the discussion and talk with the Sheriff's liaison more about a less costly contract for services that might still discourage park vandalism and to talk with other Towns about their experiences and benefits. Commissioner A.C. Hurley agreed that the costs were prohibitive right now, and probably needed to table the discussion.

#### **22-24 PUBLIC SERVICES**

Commissioner Whatley discussed the Library Report and the appointment of Ellen Greer to the Library Board for Franklinville. Ms. Greer has been very active with the needs of the local Library and has assisted as a Friend of the Library.

Mayor Conner read a report from the Parents as Partners Director Amanda Ratliff. She discussed the waiting list for their services and the continued virtual meetings and porch visits the staff is holding with clients and expressed thanks for the support of Franklinville for her mission.

### **22-25 NEW BUSINESS**

Bill Lester and Sam Tracy with the Engineering Firm LKC, discussed the resolutions necessary for the Asset Inventory grants applications. The Town wishes to apply for both the Wastewater and the Water system grants from the NC Department of Environmental Water Quality.

These grants are available for the distressed utilities. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to pass the resolutions for wastewater and water system grant applications for the Town of Franklinville. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Town Clerk O'Brien

### **22-26 PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Public Works Director Arnold Allred discussed the flushing report, see attached, and the Director Allred discussed the completion of the TTHM water project in conjunction with Ramseur. The Town has been billed an additional \$5,000.00 from the Wooten Engineering Firm for handling the additional final testing from the State.

General discussion reference new hydrants. Director Allred has found 4 hydrants out of service and the Town is responsible for 118. The initial budget request was for 2 hydrants to be replaced from the ARPA grant. General discussion reference the replacement of perhaps 10 hydrants. See attached pricing sheet. **Commissioner Goodwin, motion to purchase 10 hydrants at a cost of \$22,295.00. Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Director Allred and Assistant Director Walsh showed photos of the river walk bridge in the park and how much the foundation has shifted. General discussion reference repair options for the bridge.

Director Allred discussed the new ballfield and what needs to be completed. The dugouts and the backstop are being completed and the ball program starts in 2 weeks.

### **22-17 NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn discussed holding a Candidates Forum for the Town. General discussion on using the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall for the best space. General discussion reference the best outsiders to develop the questions and plans were made and discussed for the event to be in October. The Franklinville Baptist Church is holding a hotdog event to welcome students and staff back to school.

Commissioner Brandon Hurley requested the Board agree to a resolution to ask the Department of Transportation to close Main Street for through traffic in front of the park again this year for a Trunk or Treat event on October 31<sup>st</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Brandon Hurley to close Main Street from 5pm to 8pm on October 31<sup>st</sup> for the Trunk or Treat event in the park. Seconded by Mayor Pro-Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

**Commissioner A.C. Hurley, Motion to Adjourn.  
Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted.  
Adjourned 9.01pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Perry L. Conner, Mayor

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Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk