



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
February 14, 2022
Held at 163 West Main Street, Franklinville Town Hall**

Attending:

Mayor A.C. Hurley, Mayor Pro Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner Billy Farias, Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, Commissioner Mac Whatley
Town Clerk /Finance Officer Beverly O'Brien
Utility Clerk-Christie Gunter
Public Works Director-Arnold Allred
Guests: Laurie Cone, Harvey Harman

22-73 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

22-74 CONSENT AGENDA

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

22-75 OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Hurley discussed a letter received from the Local Government Commission about the audit not being filed with the State in a timely manner. The Board directed the Finance Officer to write a RFQ for the audit services and send to CPAs throughout the area. They also requested an email be sent to the State Local Government Commission in reply.

22-76 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave a report. She discussed the financial reports and the charts presented to the Board. See attached.

22-77 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley and Finance Officer O'Brien discussed scheduling a meeting with Pastor Batchelor of Full Gospel Bible Church of God and possible agreements to discuss about placement of the accessory building on the Church property. Meeting with the Pastor will be the Planning Board Chair, Commissioner Whatley and Town Clerk O'Brien. Commissioner Whatley discussed the lack of information from the County about the proposed ARPA funding and mentioned the new gas station on Highway 64 where the property was recently annexed has not started construction yet.

22-78 PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Hurley and Mayor Pro Tem Dunn discussed the recent vandalism at the Franklinville Methodist Church. Mr. Rhodes scared off the vandals early one morning and they were not caught, as yet.

22-79 PUBLIC SERVICES

Commissioner Whatley gave an up-date on the library and the Story walk installation. The story walk kiosks will be moved from the current site near the playground to along the trail in the park from the footbridge to the children's play area to more closely match the original grant application.

Mayor Hurley read an update from Amanda Ratliff with the Parents as Partners program.

22-80 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Allred presented his Public Utilities Report. See attached. He also discussed the availability of loads of mulch from the Departments tree clean-up activities at the cemetery, for use by the town residents as needed.

Director Allred discussed the pricing and need for a sewer manhole cleanout on three units in Town. He presented photos and descriptions of the necessary repairs. He also presented the Board with a quote for the procedures that reflected a discount for multiple units to be cleaned and sealed at the same time. The price was just under \$10,000.00. General discussion reference funding sources for the contract. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to move the \$10,000.00 from other line items in the Sewer Fund to sewer Maintenance to pay for the Contract. Motion seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Harvey Harman and Director Allred discussed work completed for a sewer connection on Rising Sun Way. Director Allred has spoken with the Engineer, Bill Lester about the May 2nd deadline for the NC Department of Environmental Quality application for funding deadline of May 2, 2022. He discussed a conversation with Mr. Lester about the prior funding application for the AIA (Asset Inventory Assessment) grant. Director Allred says the Town will not receive funding for this round of grants. Mr. Lester will apply again as new funding is released. Director Allred showed photos from the 10 new hydrants and a water leak on Depot Street. Director Allred discussed progress on the Cemetery clean-up and discussed removing the pines along the Hwy 22 side of the cemetery. These pines are planted along the water lines. His department has been shorthanded because of Covid exposures and voluntary quarantine.

22-81 TRANSPORTATION

Finance Officer O'Brien asked the Board to consider moving the Powell Bill Restricted account to another bank because of new fees imposed on the account after the recent bank merger of New Horizon. She will check with the State about other banking possibilities without the fees. Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed options for the account. General discussion references the ability to move the funds to a less expensive bank.

Finance Officer O'Brien asked to Board to vote on raising the credit limit for the purchase cards to allow for another card for the new Water/Sewer employee. Each card has a limit of \$2500.00. Since Joe Walsh is no longer with the Town, Billy Smith will be issued that card and another one is necessary for Billie McNeely. General discussion reference raising the account cap for another card. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to add a new purchase card for Billie McNeely in the Water Department and to extend the credit line another \$2500.00 with Fidelity Bank to do so. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

22-82 MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hurley discussed going paperless for the Board packets starting in March. This will save paper, and time for the Board members finding and reviewing the information. Commissioner Goodwin requested a test to see if his tablet will open the files. Town Clerk O'Brien agreed to print any materials the Board members request, or they would like to have as a paper copy. The next Board Meeting packet will be electronic.

Mayor Hurley asked the Board members to have their department funding requests into Town Hall by the end of February and the time was set for the first budget meeting to be March 24th, at 6:00 pm to review the requests and the first iteration of the budget.

Commissioner Hurley motion to go into executive session to discuss the Contracts for the Hwy 64 Project. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.

8:50 pm Board meeting adjourned.

8:50 pm Executive session

9:22 pm Board meeting resumed

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to move \$20,000.00 of the ARPA Funds towards the meter Vault installation with Asheboro and get the engineering firm LKC to design the vault and the Town of Franklinville to sign a contract with Asheboro. Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley. Motion adopted, unanimously.

General discussion reference timelines and contracting and possible discussions with Asheboro reference the water project.

Commissioner Whatley, motion to Adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Farias.

Adjourned 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C.Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk