



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
March 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, NC State Senator Amy Galey, Librarian Charity Johnson

22-83 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

22-84 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.**

22-85 OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Hurley discussed the development of the water system along the Highway 64 corridor. No word yet from the County about the ARPA fund applications for grants.

22-86 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave a financial report. She discussed the revenues increases and discussed the installation of the new server for the office. The server installation is scheduled for April 5th and will impact the office for perhaps half a day. For a period of time during the data transfer, the accounts and payments will be done by hand. The server purchase is paid, and the cost was less than budgeted. She discussed the financial reports presented to the Board. See attached.

22-87 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley discussed the illness of the Planning Consult, Jill Wood's husband and the entire Board wished them both well. Commissioner Whatley stated that the Planning Board had missed her input. He also stated, the recent Planning and Zoning issues have been resolved favorably.

22-88 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the Sheriff's Department Public Safety Liaison Committee has announced they will resume meeting next month. Commissioner Farias is Franklinville's appointed representative. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn discussed the illegal target shooting resuming on weekends in her neighborhood. Commissioner Whatley can hear it as well, but neither is certain which property the gunfire is coming from.

Commissioner Goodwin discussed speeding issues in town and the ATV use on public streets.

Mayor Hurley discussed the Franklinville Fire Department would be asking for a fire tax increase probably this budget year to .15cents per 100.00 valuation. Chief Dixon will notify the Board before the Budget is complete so the public hearings can be held for an increase. The fire tax increase request from last year will require a public hearing before budget passage.

22-89 PUBLIC SERVICES

Librarian Charity Johnson gave a report to the Commissioners about the Summer Reading Programs at the Lake, to be held in conjunction with the Ramseur Library. She discussed the opening event for the Storywalk in Riverside Park and the festivities she has planned. The event is Saturday May 21st from 1-3:00 pm and includes games and refreshments. Mayor Hurley read an update from Amanda Ratliff with the Parents as Partners program and the process they are using to revamp and improve some of the programs.

22-90 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Allred presented his Public Utilities Report. See attached. He also discussed the start of mowing season and the sewer line replacement of 180 ft of sewer line near the lower mill. The line was replaced by the Public Works department at significant savings.

He presented his meter report. See included. Director Allred reported one hydrant out of service and discussed the replacement of non-functioning meters. He also discussed his meeting with the City of Asheboro personnel and LKC Engineering about the placement of the meter vault on Highway 64. Asheboro is ready to sign a contract when the engineers are ready, but a location needs to be finalized with accessibility for service.

Director Allred discussed the Ballfield improvements and discussed lighting for the field. One new pole and electrical connection will be \$900.00. The Athletic Association has been covering some of the cost overruns. The fields are ready for multi field play. Parking is the next issue to be addressed.

22-91 TRANSPORTATION

General discussion from the Board reference Powell Bill funding and street repairs needed. Director Allred discussed repairs and alligator cracking of the pavement on Smith Street and Commissioner Farias discussed complaints he had received about Wallace Street near the Ramseur Park entrance. (These repairs are in Ramseur's jurisdiction.)

22-92 NEW BUSINESS

Finance Officer O'Brien reported back to the Board on the quotes she had received for the replacement of the Town Christmas Decorations. See attached. Many Townspeople had complained of the poor condition of the old street decorations. These will still be used as much as possible. Since Duke Energy will have to drop the electrical connections for the new units, the Board decided on a budget of \$14,000.00 total including electrical.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to move \$14,000.00 to the Capital Improvement Fund to allow for the purchase of new Street Christmas Decorations. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.

Laurie Cone discussed the Deep River Folk School and the classes and programs and offered the Board an opportunity to come by and take in a class. She mentioned the website and schedule was up and running following the past two years of Covid.

Commissioner Whatley discussed Randolph Heritage and the projects they are working on. He also discussed a possible contractor for the footbridge repairs, Nelson Salmeron. One Engineer has suggested over \$100,000.00 and Mr. Salmeron has looked at the bridge and said it would be more in the area of \$2000.00 -\$3000.00.

Commissioner Farias, motion to Adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Whatley.

Adjourned 8:34 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C.Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk