



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 11, 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, Kevin Castleman, Lee Hockmuth, Wil Hunnecutt, Bill Lester, LKC Engineering, Mary Joan Pugh, NC Trails System, Sam Tracey, LKC Engineering

22-93 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

22-94 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.**

22-95 OLD BUSINESS

Wil Hunnecutt CPA, presented the audit report from 2020-2021 to the Board. He referenced Page 2, where he had given the financials a clean opinion. The total expenditure in the General fund were \$181,441.00. and the Water/ Sewer fund were \$392,251.00. The changes in net position were a negative \$74,817.00. This was due to the pandemic and depreciation of the water/sewer assets. The property tax collection rate was a healthy 98.55%, with a 100% motor vehicle tax collection rate. Mr. Hunnecutt thanked the Board and discussed his reasons for not sending a proposal to the Town's RFQ for an Auditor. He has had difficulties hiring for open positions within his office and would not be able to take on the municipal audit for the next year.

22-96 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave a financial report. She went over a few revenue and expense highlights, see attached report. She presented the necessary budget amendments to the Board for their approval. See attached amendments. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to pass the budget amendments as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Ms. O'Brien also discussed the recent completion of training of the office from the Treasury Department for the ARPA Fund reports due to the Federal Treasury Department. She reminded the Board that she must submit a Budget to Actual Report to the Local Government Commission by April 14th.

22-97 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley discussed the need to pass a resolution from the State and accept the lease agreement for the property for the Rail Trail extension. The State has purchased the property from Bill Lee for extension of the trail to the West towards Cedar Falls. **Motion By Commissioner Whatley to accept the lease from the State for the property. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Mary Joan Pugh, Trail Coordinator for Randolph County discussed the next phases of the trail development. The Piedmont Land Conservancy will partner with the State on the expansion of the trail and the need for five bridges. Sandy Creek, Bush Creek, Cox Creek, Gabriel Creek, and Haskin's Creek must have crossings for completion. Sandy Creek is the next proposed creek crossing. She will keep the Board up-to-date and expects the 3-to-5-year plan to be ready in May of this year. Ms. Pugh says the State has named 2023 the "Year of the Trail" and hopes to have Franklinville to Sapona completed.

Mayor Hurley and Commissioner Whatley discussed their recent discussions with the Randolph County Commissioners in reference to the Town's application for ARPA funds. Commissioner David Allen has responded that the Commissioners are working on the applications.

22-98 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias stated there were no critical items to report on this month.

22-99 PUBLIC SERVICES

Mayor Hurley read a report from Librarian Charity Johnson. She discussed planned events for the Library and the Story Walk in the park. See attached report. Mayor Hurley read an update from Amanda Ratliff with the Parents as Partners program and the process they are using to grow some of the programs. See attached report.

22-100 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Allred presented his Public Utilities Report. See attached.

He discussed the training he and Billie McNeely attended in Hickory for the Distressed Utility Training. They had a long day, but the State has given the Town a grant for the costs of the training. Finance Officer O'Brien and Utility Clerk Christie Gunter will take the training on-line later in the month. Director Allred discussed the meter vault negotiations for Highway 64 and his meetings with the engineers and Asheboro officials. Director Allred gave a report on the ballfield improvements and showed slides of the progress.

22-101 TRANSPORTATION

Director Allred discussed the Smith Street necessary paving and hasn't received a price for the proposed work yet. He has asked Waugh Paving to look at the intersection in question.

22-102 NEW BUSINESS

Lee Hockmuth, with Helping Seniors in Need, asked the Board for the use of the park for a fundraiser for her organization. She hopes to use the park shelter on some Friday nights to show family friendly movies and have games and snacks. General discussion reference the closing times of the park and the expected cleanliness of the

facility. Many Saturday mornings are already booked for the park use and the Board doesn't want to impact the Saturday events. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to allow use of the park one Friday a month, as long as it does not interfere with weekend rentals. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Mr. Kevin Castleman discussed with the Board the lack of restroom facilities at Otus Thomas Ballfield during practices. His granddaughter and other young players, as well as adults, do not have any open restrooms. Commissioner Brandon Hurley explained the use of a key only when the concession is open during games. Public Works Director Allred discussed previous vandalism. Mr. Castleman suggested a deposit fee to be paid by the coaches and talked about the inconvenience and the dangers to young children in the surrounding woods. General discussion reference facilities, budget, and placement for at least a port-a-let. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to lease two port-a -lets for the ballfield during the main season. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Commissioner Farias discussed the request from a resident for a speed bump on Wallace Street. During the park season, traffic speeds both to and from the Ramseur Park entrance. General discussion reference several types of speed bumps and installations. Public Works Director Allred will get a price for the installation of a rubber type one for the street.

Bill Lester with LKC Engineering presented two resolutions to the Board to allow for the Engineers to submit a loan/grant application to NC Department of Environmental Quality for funding of the Highway 64 project. General discussion reference the willingness to accept some loan financing or all grant funds. Grant funding alone is hard to acquire because the State wants the municipality to have buy-in on the project. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to approve the resolutions and accept up to 20% loan on the project. Seconded by Commissioner Farias, motion adopted, unanimously.**

Commissioner Whatley discussion reference the water vault placement for the Highway 64 project. Bill Lester and Commissioner Whatley agree the Town is just waiting on the Asheboro City Manager and the Asheboro Council. The survey and design work can be completed in a couple of months.

Finance Officer O'Brien discussed the responses to the RFQ for Audit services recently completed. General discussion reference the RFQ's received and the different prices and qualifications. See attached. Both CPAs have good references and both have done small municipal for several years. Finance Officer O'Brien prefers the Firm of Eddie Carrick from Lexington. His firm would have a dedicated auditor for Franklinville while the other Firm is larger but would assign different auditors during the year as needed.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to contract with Eddie Carrick, CPA, for the Town's Auditor. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.

Commissioner Whatley, motion to Adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Farias

Adjourned 9:26 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C.Hurley, Mayor

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Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk