



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 11, 2022
Held at 163 West Main Street, Franklinville Town Hall**

Attending:

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

23-01 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

23-02 CONSENT AGENDA

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

23-03 OLD BUSINESS

Mary Joan Pugh, the Piedmont Trail Administrator, gave a report on the progress of the rail trail/greenway development. The State Legislature has allocated 29.29 million to develop 12 trails in the system from Jamestown to Sandford, encompassing 125 miles of trail. They requested, received a 5-year plan, and allocated \$860,820.00 for the portion of the trail that includes Randleman, Franklinville, and Ramseur. Ms. Pugh discussed a recent trail usage survey and supplied a link to add comments. She discussed the lease agreement recently signed by the Mayor and asked if we had received the fully executed document from the State. The Clerk has not received the document back from the State and Ms. Pugh will check on its status. Ms. Pugh discussed the one million appropriation from Randolph County and the costs of engineering and environmental studies needed before a construction contract could be bid. She also discussed the Bush Creek crossing and the Engineering Firm of Witherall Engineering, and the Sandy Creek bridge and the Engineering Firm of Matterhorn and Craig. Piedmont Land Conservancy is our Partner for the Projects and will contribute \$49,000.00 for two years. The Sandy Creek crossing is expected to cost \$400,000.00, and the project scope and environmental reports will start anytime. 2023 is the year of the Trail and Ms. Pugh urged the

Commissioners to think of events to celebrate the year of the Trail in Franklinville. She also thanked Commissioner Farias for his participation in the recent Trail hike in Franklinville and the Mayor for his efforts talking to elected officials. She further suggested the groundbreaking events should include State and Local Elected officials to have buy in and view the trails and bridges. The Piedmont Trail Association will develop and distribute event kits for the festivities.

Commissioner Farias discussed the possible two locations for a park event stage. General discussion reference the placement and/or need for an event stage at the park. Discussion centered on either behind the Methodist Church or near the old Allred T. Ball field in the center of the park on the East side. Commissioner Farias proposed an event for music in the park to gauge interest or need for a permanent stage. **Commissioner Farias, motion to table the stage until the event can be held to see if the local townspeople will support it. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

23-04 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the administrative report. Revenues are up substantially for the past fiscal year both in sales taxes and the enterprise funds. She has not finished the necessary final budget amendments for the 21-22 Fiscal year but will have those soon for the Commissioners to review. She asked for any questions and Commissioner Goodwin asked about the total receipts for the June billing. The total of 771 receipts equaled \$76,410.15. This is about the average number and amount of monthly receipts for the office.

23-05 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Ms. O'Brien asked to set up a planning Board meeting for later this month, as we have received a Special Use Permit Application for a billboard placement along Highway 64. Commissioner Whatley and Mayor Pro Tem Dunn and Laurie Cone discussed the best time to hold the meeting. They directed Ms. O'Brien to send it to the Planning Board members and place the ads for the public for the date of July 28th at 6:30 pm at the Town Hall.

The discussion involved supplying water/ sewer services to the Western Chatham County mega site. General discussion reference the possibility/impossibility of supplying such a large amount of water cross county. The Mayor will up-date the Board if he learns anything further.

23-06 PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Pro Tem discussed an incident of public intoxication on Allred Street and Commissioner Farias reported on possible homeless or transients using the shelter, both male and female.

23-07 PUBLIC SERVICES

Finance Officer O'Brien reported on a recent conversation with the Librarian about the success of the latest children's programs for the library and the attendance at the joint program at the Ramseur Lake Park. Mayor Hurley read a report from Amanda Ratliff, with the Parents as Partner's program and the children from the program going on to further their education. She thanked the Board for their support.

23-08 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Arnold Allred gave the report. See attached. Director Allred discussed the recent request for water and /sewer services at 255 Allred Street. The water is there and available, but sewer is not available

without an extension of the service line. General discussion reference extending the line to allow for more customers to hook on to sewer and the possibility for future growth in that area. General discussion about continuing the line to Clark Avenue. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to allocate up to \$7500.00 for a sewer line extension on Allred Street. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Director Allred will proceed with the plans if the customers still choose to add sewer.

General discussion reference putting the water vault on Highway 64 on hold for the time being. Discussion reference the plans from the State, the County, and Asheboro to supply water to a Chatham County Business Park Development.

General discussion reference the offer from Ramseur for a reduction of water costs from 6.30 per 1000 gallon to 5.00 per 1000.00 gallon and limit the flushing to 100,000 gallons per month at no charge. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to amend the current contract for the new provisions and reflect the changes offered by the Ramseur Board. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the hard work and hours given by Athletic Association member Jon Thomas. Both Mr. Thomas and Commissioner Hurley have been very active in the success of the past few years' athletic programs. General discussion reference the payment of a onetime administrative allowance included in the budget for Jon Thomas and the timing of when to deliver the check to him. General discussion reference possibly the next Board Meeting on August 8th. The Board instructed the Finance Officer to have the check ready for the presentation on August 8th.

23-09 TRANSPORTATION

The Commissioners had nothing to report on transportation.

23-10 VISITORS COMMENTS

Laurie Cone from the Living Well Development discussed the up-coming Folk School classes and the good attendance of the recent offerings. General discussion reference several of the school topics. Director Allred also discussed the tree cutting along Highway 22 in the Cemetery, that the Town will start soon. The water and gas lines are near and beneath the tree stumps and will probably not be able to be fully removed. The large pines are definitely encroaching on the lines.

Commissioner Whatley, motion to Adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Farias

Adjourned 9:21 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk