



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
August 8, 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: Geraldine and Tony Campos, Harvey Harman, Jon Thomas, Richard Lee Underwood

23-122 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

23-123 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.**

23-124 OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Billy Farias discussed the prices he has found for the Frisbee Golf in the Park project. The cost is 150.00 -169.00 for each station. He proposes 4 stations at a 200-foot minimum distance from each other = \$680.00. 4 bags of concrete mix are required. He discussed starting at the playground and placing the stations 200 feet apart on each side of the roadbed through the park. **Commissioner Farias, motion to spend no more than \$800.00 for the Frisbee Golf baskets. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Commissioner Farias discussed the prices for a caboose in the park that had been previously discussed. He had looked at the caboose in Liberty and had priced units from \$3,000.00 to \$12,000.00. General discussion followed. He also reminded the Board about the Town Hall Meeting he had organized for August 25, at the Town Hall to discuss with citizens the projects and amenities they would like to see in the Town. Commissioner Farias reported on the New Town Hall building and the efforts to finish the interior of the building for the Town offices. General discussion reference costs and methods of finishing the building. Commissioner Farias would like to get bids for the construction and the office staff will work with him on a materials list. He volunteered to oversee and supervise the work. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley**

to finish the building with a cap of \$150,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted. 4 Affirmative, Commissioner Brandon Hurley voted no.

23-125 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the administrative report. She discussed the recent developments with the State Treasurer's Office and the Auditor. The Treasurer's office had contacted the Auditor and he had taken full responsibility for the late audit and the State Treasurer's Office has communicated with the auditor and the Town and will let us know as soon as the audit is filed. O'Brien also discussed the new hire for the open part-time position in the office. The office received almost 50 really substantial applications and narrowed the field to 6 for interviews. As discussed previously, after Rosario left her position, the office was looking for a person with flexible hours and a local hire. Marianne Coltrane is the best choice and is local and flexible with scheduling for the 16 to 20 hours necessary for the office. O'Brien also discussed the situation with 308 Weatherly. The issue has not been resolved and is worse, because of the addition of a refrigerator to the other appliances on the front porch. General discussion reference the condition of the home and grounds, and past efforts to get the owner to clean up the property. The Clerk will send a final registered non-compliance letter to the owners. General discussion reference possible avenues to force compliance.

23-126 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley discussed the Highway 64 waterline and the extension to Chatham County mega site. The discussion involved supplying water/ sewer services to the Western Chatham County mega site. The Asheboro Board has appointed Eddie Burkes to negotiate with Ramseur about the water line extension. Commissioner Whatley also discussed the recent Planning Board approval of a Billboard on Highway 64 near the gun range. After the petitioner, Scotty Outdoor Advertising, changed the site and size of the sign to fit the Town's ordinance, it was approved.

22-127 PUBLIC SAFETY

General discussion reference the recent fire at the Perez house on West Main Street. There was damage to the front porch. Discussion reference the arson attempt and the arrest of a suspect.

22-128 PUBLIC SERVICES

Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the contributions of Jon Thomas to the Franklinville Athletic Association and the youth of the area. He has given countless hours working with, and for, the Association at the ballfields and the gym. There are 122 children signed up this year for programs. Commissioner Hurley presented Mr. Thomas with a check for \$2500.00 for administration of the programs and sincere thanks from the full Board for all the hard work and dedication to the Athletic Association.

Commissioner Billy Farias discussed a recent meeting with the granddaughter of John Clark. Mr. Clark was the owner of one of the Franklinville mills and the founder of the first library at Franklinville. His portrait hangs in the library. General discussion reference the portrait and the probable future use of the portrait. The Town has multiple photos of Mr. Clark. **Commissioner Farias, motion to give the original portrait of John Clark in the Library to his granddaughter. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

22-129 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Arnold Allred gave the report. See attached. He discussed the tree work and removal in the cemetery and discussed the departments work on the ballfield. The dugouts for the Tee ballfield and the backstop and picnic tables are the next additions. He showed photos of the recent work at the ballfield.

22-130 NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Whatley discussed the Randolph County Historical Commission recent hearing and resolution to name the Old Cedar Falls Mill an historic landmark. He requested that the Town also hold a hearing and proposed to pass a resolution to promote the site designation. General discussion reference a good time for the hearing. The consensus is for a public hearing to be advertised for prior to the September 12th meeting at 7:00 pm. Commissioner Whatley also discussed the receipt of an application for a Tourism Development Grant from the Randolph County unit. The Clerk had also received the application and would like to apply for some downtown area beautification projects. Commissioner Whatley will complete the application. General discussion reference the Christmas Parade for the Town on Saturday December 3rd. The Clerk requested the Board complete an ordinance of road closure to the State for the event. **Motion by Goodwin to approve the ordinance and sent to the State Department of Transportation. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Commissioner Goodwin discussed the availability of funds from the Eastern Randolph Chamber of Commerce for prizes for the parade participants.

22-131 VISITORS COMMENTS

Harvey Harman from the Living Well Community discussed the Strategic Planning session held 2 years ago and asked about topics of interest for a new Strategic Planning session. He discussed opportunities for young people and the water line extension. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn and Commissioner Goodwin discussed the next EDC meeting.

**Commissioner Whatley, motion to Adjourn.
Seconded by Commissioner Farias
Adjourned 8:54 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C. Hurley, Mayor

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Beverly O’Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk