



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 12, 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 Mac Whatley
Town Clerk /Finance Officer Beverly O'Brien
Utility Clerk-Christie Gunter
Public Works Director-Arnold Allred
Librarian- Charity Johnson
Guests: Laurie Cone, Perry Conner, Ross Holt, Sam Tracey LKC Engineering

23-132 7:00 pm: PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER

Cedar Falls Historic Landmark Designation Hearing

7:14pm HEARING ADJOURNED

23-133 7:30 pm COMMISSIONERS MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence/ Prayer

23-134 CONSENT AGENDA

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

23-135 OLD BUSINESS

Sam Tracey with LKC Engineering gave a report on the AIA grants and the Fall funding cycle with NCDENR and USDA. General discussion reference the Disadvantaged communities and the distressed communities designations and funding opportunities. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to direct the Clerk to publish RFQ'S (request for quotes) for the AIA water and sewer grants. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

23-136 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the administrative report. She requested the Commissioners to consider the Budget amendments for the final adjustments for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. See attached. She asked permission to make the needed adjustments and discussed the large overage, primarily in the revenue categories. She will discuss with the Auditor the amendments and the necessary journal entries. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to approve the amendments Finance Officer O'Brien feels are needed. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted unanimously.**

23-137 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley discussed the Randolph County Commissioners Meeting he attended this evening. The Commissioners are discussing the ARPA funding for the previously filed requests from the municipalities and the non-profit organizations. General discussion reference the different projects submitted, and the chances of funding from the County.

22-138 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed his and Mayor Hurley's upcoming meeting with Sheriff Seabolt about enforcement of Town ordinances.

22-139 PUBLIC SERVICES

Charity Johnson gave the library report and discussed the recent programs. The library has attracted 45 children and 8 teens for the last program and has successfully promoted 14 programs and 400 plus attendees. Commissioner Goodwin asked if the attendance increased recently, and Ms. Johnson replied that attendance has increased steadily, but more is always needed. She discussed the installation of the new signage purchased by the county. She expects installation by the first of the month. Mayor Hurley discussed a Thank You letter received from Jon Thomas for his recognition last month and his appreciation to the Town for all the support.

22-140 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Arnold Allred gave the report. See attached. He gave an up-date on the repairs to the Ogles Creek pumping station and answered questions from the Commissioners about the water quality issues with Ramseur water. He discussed the lake turning and the high magnesium levels being addressed by the Ramseur water treatment facility. He expects an improvement in a few days.

22-141 NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Whatley discussed the Randolph County Historical Commission recent hearing and resolution to name the Old Cedar Falls Mill an historic landmark. General discussion reference Ross Holt's presentation of the Historic Landmark designation already voted on by the County Historic Preservation Commission. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to approve the Cedar Fall Mill Landmark Designation. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Commissioner Whatley recused himself from voting. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Sam Tracey with LKC Engineering discussed the next funding cycle for NC Department of Natural Resources and the USDA. He discussed the best route for the Town to take in applying for funding for the water and sewer projects. General discussion reference the amount of loan versus grant funding the Town would be able to

handle. Sam will adapt the application for the USDA and DENR to reflect the recent changes to the Hwy 64 Water Project. The State project for the Chatham development site will run the waterline from Asheboro to Chatham County. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to apply for as much grant funding as possible.**

Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.

Commissioner Whatley gave an up-date on his progress with the Museum and the old mill buildings in town. He has spent upwards of \$100,000.00 on the sites in town and is trying to put windows in now. He has employed people for masonry work, clean-up, and stonework. He discussed the needed repairs to the footbridge and offered for his guys to repair the bridge concrete foundation. He discussed Commissioner Farias ability to oversee the repairs. General discussion of Commissioners reference whether the town should handle the repairs and the feasibility of donating from the ARPA Fund for a non- profit. Commissioner Farias and Commissioner Goodwin and Mayor Pro Tem questioned Commissioner Whatley about the plans for the building. Perry Conner from 216 West Main Street spoke about the positives derived from the improvements and the investments so far in the Old Mill and the prior investment for the Town in matching funds of \$25,000.00 turned into a \$1,000,000.00 budget investment from the State. Commissioner Whatley stated that the Conservancy would like to have \$50,000.00 from the ARPA Funds but would appreciate any amount from the Town. He said they could prioritize a list, starting with the footbridge. **Mayor Pro Tem Dunn, motion to donate \$25,000.00 from the ARPA Fund to Randolph Heritage Conservancy. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted. Commissioner Whatley abstained; Commissioner Brandon Hurley absent.**

Mayor Hurley discussed the Mayor's Walk to be held on the Town's greenway and park trails, Sunday, October 9th. The walkers will meet at the West parking lot at 2:00 pm. The Commissioners also discussed the Elected Officials Picnic to be held Thursday night at Pinewood Country Club. General discussion reference the dates and times for caroling in the park and the family events. The parade lineup starts at 10:00am and kicks off at 10:30am and this year the Eastern Randolph Chamber will offer 3 monetary prizes for the best entry. \$300.00 for top prize, \$200.00 for second and \$100.00 for third.

Closed session

Session resumed

Commissioner Whatley, motion to Adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Farias

Adjourned 9:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk