



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 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
Public Works Director-Arnold Allred
Asst Public Works Director-Billie McNeely
Guests: Harvey Harman,

23-153 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

23-154 CONSENT AGENDA

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

23-155 OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Farias discussed the Offer of an Appraisal by Marcus Ors for a commercial property appraisal of the Town Hall building for possible sale. The costs were more than anticipated. The appraisal would be good for 30 days. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to pay half of the appraisal, \$2400.00, with the proprietors of the Franklinville Diner, Cliff and Andrea Priddy, paying the other half. Motion died for lack of a second.** General discussion reference timing of an appraisal and costs of rehabbing the Bank Building for Town Hall use.

23-156 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien asked for any questions on the financial report. She reported sales tax revenues were up and the Town had also received the Sales Tax refund she had filed for in July. The Powell Bill Funds were received, and the Expenditure report for the DOT had been submitted.

23-157 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Finance Officer O'Brien discussed an interested citizen, Michael Stewart,

had asked if the Town would consider selling some property on Clark Street to allow him to build a small commercial building for his business. He currently owns 4.5 acres behind the post office and wants to locate his home on Depot Street and his business on Clark Street. The electric lines and the right of way affect his ability to use his property and the Town has the adjoining property. The Board agreed it is his responsibility to decide what portion he would be interested in and a possible price to negotiate. The property is bisected by power lines, road right of ways, and large rocks.

General discussion reference the Hwy 64 water line extension plan. General discussion reference the water capacity of the various water systems and the possible sizing of the extension pipelines.

General discussion reference the “Year of the Trail” kickoff for Franklinville and Randolph County. Mary Joan Pugh will coordinate with the Town on a kickoff event with local dignitaries and will develop a coordinated program and timeline. General discussion reference the continued trail development and the importance of drainage for the sustainability of the trail bed.

22-158 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias and Public Works Director discussed the removal of the Frisbee golf nets from the park after they were vandalized. A discussion followed about the possible contract for a Sheriff’s Officer to patrol the Town and the park to prevent further vandalism. Commissioner Farias has met with Sheriff Seabolt and discussed costs and availability of off duty officers to contract with the Town for coverage. Commissioner Farias will develop a possible schedule for the officer when vandalism and/or illegal acts, are more likely to occur. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to use Town funds for a part-time officer. Commissioner Whatley seconded, amend to allow \$2,000.00 for the budget to hire part-time officers. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Commissioner Brandon Hurley suggested the Town ordinances need to be posted on-line, and that will help the deputies enforcement efforts. General discussion reference the possible towing of vehicles from 308 Weatherly Drive. The untagged vehicles have been issued two letters of warning from the Town and the deadline for removal is the 17th of November. Commissioner Farias has found a towing company willing to impound the vehicles at no cost to the Town. Big Tim’s Towing is willing to handle the paperwork needed to clean-up the property. Commissioner Whatley suggested the forms that will be necessary for the Town to proceed legally: a copy of the ordinance, a certificate of service, and a copy of the warning letter.

22-159 PUBLIC SERVICES

Amanda Ratliff had included a report from the Parents as Partners Program with the initial Commissioners packet. See included. General discussion reference the Trunk or Treat in the Park and the rain event that closed it prematurely. Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the participation of more “trunks” and estimated that the event drew 10 times the amount of cars as last year. General discussion reference thanking Kelly Wicker for supplying his farm tractor and trailer for the hayride. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to gift Kelly Wicker \$200.00 for his fuel replacement. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Charity Johnson submitted a Library report for the Board. *See included.* She discussed recent programs and attendance at the library. She also commented on the new signage for the library installed by the County.

22-160 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Arnold Allred gave the report. See attached. He discussed the meter investigations and leak investigations completed by his department. He also discussed installation of a private sewer line on Smith Street that was installed by the customer and our department made the connection to our line. He showed photos

of the installation. Director Allred introduced Assistant Director Billie McNeely to the Board and discussed the upcoming certification tests and the classes Mr. McNeely has completed. Director Allred discussed the water loss report for the Town and Country and Pine Crest mobile home parks. Town and Country had a leak event, but they have repaired it and the losses have been reduced.

22-161 TRANSPORTATION

Commissioner Farias discussed the date and method of closing Main Street for the Christmas parade. The closure will be December 3rd from 10:00am until the parade is over approximately an hour or two later. The Sheriff's office will have several vehicles in the parade in addition to street closing.

22-162 NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Whatley discussed the continuing repairs to the footbridge in the park. He asked the Commissioners to allocate more funding to finish the project. He asked for the Board to at least repay the Randolph Heritage Conservancy for the funds they have spent above the original allotment for the project. *See attached information sheets.* Commissioner Whatley described plans for the restoration of the Franklinville and Cedar Falls Mills and the use of the Franklinville Mill for an outdoor venue and the Cedar Falls Mill for a State Historic Textile Museum.

Following general discussion reference the repairs to the footbridge at the Riverside Park, **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to allow use of \$33,000.00 of the Town ARPA Funds to finish the bridge project. This does not cover the rails or parking improvements. Seconded by Commissioner Farias.** Point of Clarification, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, "Do you intend to give the Randolph Heritage Conservancy anything else for the project?" Question answered by Commissioner Whatley, that while he would like to recover the cost overruns; he would not ask for it.

Commissioner Whatley recused from voting, Motion adopted, three votes Aye, 1 vote Nay by Commissioner Brandon Hurley.

Director Allred discussed the need for the contractor to effectively block off the footbridge while it is under construction for safety. Mayor Hurley and Director Allred will meet with possible contractors for the bridge railings.

Finance Officer O'Brien discussed a request by Mr. John Garner of 1052 Butlers Chapel Rd Extension to inactivate his sewer account. Mr. Garner had the sewer line extension done and had paid for the sewer tap but had never hooked on to the system because the house has not been permitted for remodeling/construction. He has been receiving a minimum bill for several months and ask for it to be made inactive because he no longer intends to bring the house up to code or connect to the sewer line. General discussion reference the costs associated with the installation and the Town ordinances that apply. Mr. Garner's service cannot be disconnected for nonpayment, as there is no service or meter. **Commissioner Goodwin, motion to let the bill stand. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

22-163 MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hurley discussed the plans for the Caroling and Tree lighting in the on December 3rd. He has 6 children's bicycles already donated for the bike give away that day. He asked the office staff to reach out to area Churches and ask for Bike donations, to make the event successful for the local children. He discussed the installation of the new Christmas lights, and the Board viewed photos of his time as volunteer "Principal for a Day" at Franklinville Elementary.

Commissioner Brandon Hurley, motion to Adjourn.
Seconded by Commissioner Farias
Adjourned 9:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

(Seal)

A.C. Hurley, Mayor

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Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk