



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
October 10, 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: Harvey Harman, Kim Ratcliff, Richard Underwood

23-142 7:30 pm COMMISSIONERS MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

23-143 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.**

23-144 OLD BUSINESS

General discussion reference the AIA grant project proposals received by the Clerk. The Commissioners discussed awarding the AIA contracts and moving forward quickly with the projects. LKC proposal was chosen from the bid provided to the Commissioners. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to award the contracts, both Water and Sewer AIA's, to LKC Engineering. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, Unanimously**

23-145 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien discussed the up-coming Audit with the new Auditor in the office starting on October 25th for the site work, and the office has been sending his office any requested reports and files for the past week. She discussed the revenues and expenses in the monthly report and the computer issues caused by the power surges during the recent storms.

23-146 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley discussed the Planning Board meeting that was held on September 29th and the approval of three new, small homes on property on Faith Rock Road. While the bulk of the property is in the ETJ of the Town, the home sites are in the Town limits. The homes were approved contingent on the County finding suitable septic sites, as the property is not within the sewer service area. This will be an improvement to the tax base on an empty acreage.

Commissioner Farias discussed the need for an independent appraisal for the building housing the Town Hall, so that the Town would be able to ask a fair price when it is sold. General discussion reference the plan to rehab the old bank building for new Town offices and sell the old Town Hall building. Andrea and Cliff Priddy have expressed interest in purchasing the building to expand their restaurant, the Franklinville Diner. They currently rent half of the main level of the building from the Town and could use more dining space. The Priddy's have agreed to pay half of the cost of an appraisal up to \$250.00. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to approve payment of an appraisal for the building, but requested a commercial realtor, up to \$250.00. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

General discussion reference the sale of Bobby Faulkenberry's house at 117 Sumner Place. The new owner has told the office staff she intends to remodel and restore the house and live there, because of the river view and the park.

22-147 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed his and Mayor Hurley's meeting with Sheriff Seabolt about enforcement of Town ordinances. They discussed the possibility of hiring off duty deputies at \$20.00 per hour, including the car and equipment required. There is no contract required and the hours could vary depending on what the Town feels is needed. General discussion on including in next Fiscal Year's budget, and perhaps pursuing the use of an officer, if we have more vandalism or enforcement issues.

22-148 PUBLIC SERVICES

Commissioner Whatley discussed the new signage at the Library. The design is uniform throughout the County. General discussion reference the Parents as Partners representative, Amanda Ratliff, and the recent death of her grandmother. The Board expressed condolences for her loss.

22-149 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Arnold Allred gave the report. See attached. He discussed the meter investigations and the recent work on the Greenway in preparation for the Mayor's Walk. Director Allred will be meeting and working with the SERCAP Engineers around October 18th to start the mapping of the Sewer Collection System for the Town. He also discussed his upcoming hunting trip, and he will be leaving on October 22nd.

Mayor Hurley discussed the good turnout for the Walk event and stated there were twenty-eight people that came and walked the trails and made appreciative comments about the appearance of the Greenway.

Commissioner Goodwin discussed the invitation from the PTRC and Matt Reece to an informational meeting about the Chatham County industrial site water extension project. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 6:00pm at Eastern Randolph High School.

22-150 TRANSPORTATION

Commissioner Farias discussed the date and method of closing Main Street for the Trunk or Treat event in the park. The event will be Monday October 31st from 5:00pm-8:00pm.

22-151 NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Dunn asked a question about the excess cars and the general disorder of a property on Allred Street. Finance Officer O'Brien stated she had received a call from the wife of the property owner and the property owner died recently and the wife would soon be cleaning up the property for sale.

22-152 VISITORS COMMENTS

Harvey Harman with the Living Well Development discussed the water quality issues of the local Farmer that is allowing his livestock to cross the Town property and get water from the Sandy Creek/Deep River area. This is a water quality issue and is prohibited by the State. Commissioner Farias agreed to discuss this with the local resident. He will meet with Mr. Harman, or Mr. Harman will obtain photos. Mr. Harman discussed the upcoming Deep River Folk School classes and directed the Commissioners to the website for information on the classes. Kim Radner with the Partnership with Children discussed the resolution the Board was presented about the Proclamation of Universal Children's Day. November 20,2022 is the dedicated day. **Mayor Pro Tem Dunn, motion to adopt the Proclamation for Universal Children's Day. Seconded by Commissioner Farias, Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Commissioner Whatley, motion to Adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Farias

Adjourned 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk