



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting  
March 13, 2023  
Held at 163 West Main Street, Franklinville Town Hall**

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**Attending:**

Mayor A.C. Hurley, Mayor Pro Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, Commissioner Mac Whatley  
Town Clerk /Finance Officer Beverly O'Brien  
Public Works Director-Arnold Allred  
Utility Clerk – Christie Gunter  
Guests: Laurie Cone, Perry Conner, Harvey Harman, Richard Underwood

**23-21 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

**23-22 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**23-23 OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Farias is unable to attend as he is in Florida for a funeral. Commissioner Whatley discussed the Bank Building quote received from Mark Christen. This is an amended quote to his first submission and breaks the project into 3 phases for construction. The first phase includes demolition of the interior walls and installing concrete flooring in the office area and some finishes, see attached proposal. The second phase is for construction of an addition to the rear of the building. General discussion reference, bid construction choices of flooring, restrooms, doorways, wiring needs and finishes. See attached bid proposal. General discussion reference the need to complete the building versus the rising costs of construction and whether the building needs to be fully ADA compliant, or if costs can be reduced by cutting some of the ADA features. Town Clerk O'Brien asked about the concrete floors and the ability to reroute electrical and internet connections as needed. Commissioner Whatley discussed using conduit in the concrete to allow for future changes. Public Works Director Arnold Allred asked about the probable costs of sprinkler installation in the building, if required. Commissioner Whatley suggested the costs should be less than \$30,000.00 when we get that far. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to accept the quote from Mr. Christen for the Bank Building project. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn with the amendment, "subject to tweaking of the agreement by Commissioner**

**Farias, Town Clerk O'Brien and Mr. Christen meeting and agreeing on the project proposal and bringing it back to the Board." Motion adopted. 3 for, Commissioner Brandon Hurley opposed.**

### **23-24 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the report. See attached. She reminded the Board of the Budget meeting to be held at Town Hall on Thursday the 16<sup>th</sup> of March at 6:30 pm for anyone interested in the first budget meeting. Finance Officer O'Brien told the Commissioners about a communication she had received in reference to a suit filed by Spectrum to recover just over \$4,000.00 from the Town for damages to a line done back last year on Hwy 22 North. She reported that the insurance company had dealt with the damages and the Town had paid the deductible of \$1,000.00 at that time. She will talk further with the insurance company, Interlocal Risk Financing, and find out what their settlement agreement with Spectrum entailed and why we are still being billed. She agreed to meet with Mr. Christen and Commissioner Farias, when he returns, to go over issues with the latest proposal for the bank building.

### **23-25 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioner Whatley discussed the recent discussions with a company relocating to Highway 64 within the Town's jurisdiction and the possible improvements to the businesses along that corridor.

### **23-26 PUBLIC SAFETY**

Commissioner Farias was not here to make a report. Director Allred discussed the only complaint was the lights were left on at the ball field concession and the gate was unlocked after a practice last week.

### **23-27 PUBLIC SERVICES**

Amanda Ratliff had included a report from the Parents as Partners Program with the initial Commissioners packet. See included. The Library Report from Charity Johnson was printed and presented. See attached. She discussed the new children's programs and the new Story Walk installation in the park.

### **23-28 PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Public Works Director, Arnold Allred, gave the report. See attached. Director Allred discussed the manhole overflow in the park and the installation of a new sewer hook-up on Academy Street. He discussed the Wolf speed project in Chatham and gave a progress report on the Hwy 64 project and the AIA grant programs with LKC Engineering. We are waiting for the State to finalize these grants and we will begin meetings with the Town and the Engineers.

Director Allred discussed the Town Water Shortage Response Plan and the Resolution needed to be sent to the State. Director Allred read the resolution, see attached. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to approve the Mayor signing the Resolution. Commissioner Goodwin seconded. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Director Allred continued discussion of the Ballfield improvements and the needed light replacements. He discussed hydrant replacements and Commissioner Dunn questioned how many of the hydrants remained from the ones purchased with the ARPA funds. Most have been replaced from the 22 purchased. Director Allred showed photos of the Ball Field and the playground improvements. He discussed restarting the contract for the year of the weed-eating for the Town by Mr. Wade Davis.

**23-29 TRANSPORTATION**

General discussion reference the potholes and rough edges along Buie Lane and the damage from large trucks even though there is a “no trucks” sign. General Discussion reference the only way to stop the through trucks would be to physically block it off with concrete blocks. More discussions of local road repairs followed.

**23-30 NEW BUSINESS**

Perry Conner discussed the Boat Landing area and the needed items to finish out the Grant for the project. He talked about a timer for the gate and gravel for the parking area. He will get with Arnold to meet with Progress Energy for a pole installation for power for the gate. There is approximately \$6800.00 left in the grant.

**Motion by Commissioner Whatley, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to let Perry Conner proceed with the project as far as the grant funds go. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Mr. Conner said he will work with Mary Joan Pugh with the Piedmont Triad Trails Association to try to secure additional funding.

Mayor A.C. Hurley reminded the Board of the Elected Officials Picnic to be held in Franklinville Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. Discussion and intent to make plans for the event later.

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Whatley**

**Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem.**

**Adjourned 8:49 pm**

Respectfully Submitted

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A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Beverly O’Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk