



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting  
April 10, 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 Billy Farias, 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: Charles Hussey, Richard Underwood

**23-31 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

**23-32 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**23-33 OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Farias discussed the Bank Building proposals from Mark Christian and his and Ms. O'Brien's meeting with the contractor. General discussion on whether the addition to the building and the ADA modifications are required for that building. Commissioner Farias discussed getting additional prices for the project and a definitive answer on whether the ADA compliance and the sprinkler system for the building is required by the County. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to table the project until all the questions are answered, and we can proceed with the project. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

**23-34 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 25<sup>th</sup> of April at 6:00 pm for anyone interested in the budget meeting.

She discussed the Distressed Unit Utility training required by the State and offered dates for the training for elected officials. An online webinar is available on May 15, and May 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Commissioners will let her know which date is preferable.

### **23-35 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioner Whatley discussed the recent discussions with a company relocating to Highway 64 within the Town and Town Clerk O'Brien discussed the approved zoning application and her recent meeting with the engineering company handling the development. Commissioner Whatley and Public Works Director Allred discussed the recent awarding of the two AIA (asset inventory assessment) grants of \$161,000.00 each and the start dates for the projects. These grants will include mapping and assessment of the water and sewer infrastructure of the Town and a plan for long term maintenance, and repair and replacement.

General discussion reference the meeting to be held for Eastern Randolph water/sewer priorities by the County government. Discussion reference County priorities and Town priorities along Highway 64. Discussion of recent grant applications for the ARPA funds from the County and where we are in the process.

### **23-36 PUBLIC SAFETY**

Commissioner Farias discussed the schedule of Sheriff's Deputies for the Town and the possible use of the rear room at the Fire Department for the Deputy's use at night. Commissioner Farias will meet with Kyle Dixon, the Fire Chief, to iron out the availability of the space for the Deputies to use, if necessary. The room was used in the past by patrolling Deputies.

### **23-37 PUBLIC SERVICES**

Mayor A.C. Hurley discussed the inclusion in the Commissioner's packets of the report from Amanda Ratliff with the Parents as Partners Program. See included. The Library Report from Charity Johnson was printed and presented. See attached.

### **23-38 PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Public Works Director, Arnold Allred, gave the report. See attached.

He discussed the complaints from some citizens of the broadband installation by the Lumos contractors. The Company has severed several water lines as they have worked on the install. Director Allred also discussed the cleanout of the pump at Ogles Creek pumping station, and the debris the department has found in the unit. Mr. Allred discussed the costs of an electrical installation for a light and wiring for an automatic gate at the boat landing site off Highway 64 near Tower Components. A previous meeting of the Board had agreed to finish the project and the grant for a total just over \$6,000.00, however the cost of the electrical and the automatic gate were more than the remaining grant funds. No decision was reached about the gate or electrical at the site. He discussed the need for a new pump for the site and will discuss further at the Budget meeting on April 25<sup>th</sup>, for next year.

### **23-39 TRANSPORTATION**

General discussion reference the potholes and rough edges along Buie Lane and the continued damage from large trucks even though there is a "no trucks" sign. As discussed at last month's meeting, Commissioners wish to close the road permanently. Town Clerk O'Brien will start the process for the road closing and will research the procedures required and the timing of the public meetings required. **Commissioner Whatley,**

**motion to start the process of road closure for Buie Lane. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

**23-40 NEW BUSINESS**

Charles Hussey of 117 Smith Street discussed the need for a speedbump along Smith Street to slow traffic. The area has school buses and children playing along the street. He presented pictures distributed to the Commissioners and discussed possible options for safety. No decision was reached at the time, but Commissioner Farias mentioned the patrol of the Sheriff's Deputies as a possible help in slowing traffic. Mayor Hurley reminded the Commissioners of the Car Show in the park on April 29<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm.

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Whatley**

**Seconded by Commissioner Farias**

**Adjourned 9:16 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C. Hurley, Mayor

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

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk