



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 8, 2023
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
Utility Clerk – Christie Gunter
Guests: Laurie Cone, Joseph Dawkins, Kevin Franklin, EDC, Harvey Harman, Shelley Siskin

23-41 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

23-42 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.**

23-43 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the report. See attached. She asked the Commissioners to set a date for the final Budget Committee Meeting, for anyone interested in the budget process. The Commissioners chose May 22nd at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

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 22nd. Ms. O'Brien presented the Asset Inventory Assessment Grant resolutions from the NC Department of Water Quality to the Board for approval. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to have the Mayor sign the resolutions for both the Water and Sewer AIA resolutions. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Clerk O'Brien presented the 2022-2023 year auditor's contract for the Board to review. Mr. Eddie Carrick has included the contract from the LGC for the Board to approve and the Mayor to sign. **Commissioner Goodwin, motion to approve the Auditor's Contract with Mr. Carrick. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

23-44 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Kevin Franklin with the EDC, Economic Development Council, gave his yearly report to the Board. He spoke of the successes of Toyota and Wolf Speed Companies and the economic growth the county should expect from those industries. He also discussed the growth from smaller industrial developments in the Archdale and Randleman area. 2.5 billion in economic investment this year alone, with a lot of developer interest in Randolph County. Questioning by Commissioner Whatley on where Franklinville stands? General discussion reference housing and economic development for the less industrial appropriate parts of the county. Mr. Franklin discussed the EDC proactive stance on housing development and the development of private sector funding. General discussion with the Board and Mr. Franklin about the on-going regional water/sewer processes. Commissioner Whatley and Mr. Franklin discussed the planning needed for mixed housing and residential development. Suzy Richardson, a resident of the Franklinville Township, discussed the possibility of applying for annexation to the Town. She would like for there to be more controlled growth in the corridor from highway 64 along Andrew Hunter Rd. The neighborhood is mixed use, residential, agricultural, and small business at the present time, but attempts have been made to bring in industrial uses to the County Planning Board. She discussed her willingness to pay municipal taxes and be protected by a strong zoning plan. She thanked the Board for listening and for the hard work they invest in the Town government.

Mr. Joseph Dawkins of 324 Academy Street discussed the extension of a sewer line to his property. He had previously had discussions with the Public Works Director, Arnold Allred, and it was suggested that he bring his request to the Board. Mr. Dawkins outlined a possible route and that he was willing to have the line engineered if needed, as he knew several engineers, and he had gotten written permission from his neighbor to cross his property to reach the town's sewer line. He was willing to excavate the line and bring it to the existing sewer line. Commissioner Whatley discussed costs and design of the sewer line. General discussion reference the ability to connect the property if all designs are met, and a manhole installed, if needed, and the line is constructed the right way, the Town would be happy to hook it to our system.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn, "if you can design and install a system the State and Arnold accept, the Town will connect."

Motion adopted, unanimously.

23-45 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the recent successful car show at the park, and the number of entrants and attendees that came to the park on Saturday, April 29th. It was a good show this year and plans are already underway for the Fall.

23-46 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. Commissioner Whatley discussed the changes in the library and the addition of a self-checkout for the books. The books have a rfid chip inserted in the covers and can be traced more efficiently.

23-47 PUBLIC UTILITIES

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

General discussion of the opportunity to rent a vac trailer instead of buying one for the department yet.

Discussions were held at the last Board meeting and the budget meeting of the possibility of purchasing a vac trailer to assist in water line repair. The rental of a unit is an option, if the company installing the fiberoptic line continues to cut our water lines. The cost is approximately \$1200.00 per month.

23-48 TRANSPORTATION

General discussion reference adding the short cemetery road to the road closure ordinance for Buie Lane because of damage to the gravestones from traffic. Discussion reference the effect of these road closures on the Powell Bill Funds. There will be a reduction, but it should not be substantial. The Town Clerk will prepare an ordinance for the next Board meeting and public meetings will follow.

23-49 NEW BUSINESS

Harvey Harman of the Living Well Development, discussed any procedures to mitigate the odors from the sewer treatment plant? Director Allred discussed the existence of the Sewer Plant and the effect weather has on the odor.

Mayor Pro Tem Dunn discussed people trying to pan for gold on her property along the creek. General discussion reference trespassing and the sheriff's department.

Suzy Richardson thanked the Commissioners for their hard work and concern for the Town.

Commissioner Farias discussed the date of September 24th as a tentative date for the next Car Show in the park.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Whatley

Seconded by Commissioner Farias

Adjourned 8:40 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk