



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting  
August 14, 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: Laurie Cone, Perry Conner, Steven Hammonds, Gina Morton, Robert Osborne, Mary Joan Pugh, Richard Underwood.

**24-10 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence/ Prayer

**24-11 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.**

**24-12 OLD BUSINESS**

Mary Joan Pugh presented an up-date on the Sandy Creek Bridge project between the Franklinville and the Ramseur trails. The committee expects to have a pre-bid meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> for the project and hopes to assign a contract by September 2<sup>nd</sup> with work beginning the end of October with completion approximately 5 months later. (weather permitting). The Bush Creek Bridge project has been assigned an engineering firm and expects 4 months for design and engineering. She discussed the easement for the trail to the Sapona Plant and expressed hope that that project is moving along. When the projects are completed, the trail will extend approximately 9 miles.

Town Clerk O'Brien updated the Board on the preparations for the Elected Officials Picnic. She discussed the cost of the canopy chairs, and tables. She discussed with the Board some options as gifts and door prizes for the guests, and that the Chamber of Commerce will only handle the catering. She asked for a realistic budget for the event for 100-125 people. Franklinville last hosted the event in 2014. General discussion reference costs and proposed gifts. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley, seconded by Commissioner Goodwin to set the complete budget at \$4,000.00. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Town Clerk O'Brien asked the Board to set a Planning Board meeting for later this month for two appeals received in the office. General discussion reference the best times, and Thursday August 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm, at the Town Hall was chosen.

### **24-13 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Finance Officer O'Brien presented the budget report, see attached. She discussed the two CD's that needed to be reinvested. One is the USDA reserve account in the amount of \$19,435.83 and the other is the Library Savings in the amount of \$71,290.98. Fidelity and NC Capital Management both have options for CD's at better rates than prior. General discussion from the Board and the Finance Officer was directed to place the funds in the best available financial choice for the Town. Finance Officer O'Brien presented the necessary Budget Amendments for the past year and the Board directed her to proceed with the necessary budget amendments, as most were amendments to balance unexpectedly larger revenues for the year.

### **24-14 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioner Whatley asked Town Clerk O'Brien about the two appeals to the Planning Board and discussed the recent development requests.

### **24-15 PUBLIC SAFETY**

Commissioner Farias discussed the schedules of the part time deputies, most are scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. Commissioner Farias discussed recent arrests around and near Franklinville that could possibly impact local citizens.

### **24-16 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. Librarian Charity Johnson reported on the recent programs held in the library and the up-coming plans for the Summer Programs. See included.

### **24-17 TRANSPORTATION**

General Discussion reference to sign the Ordinance to close Buie Lane on October 1<sup>st</sup>,2023. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

The Board directed the Public Works Director to proceed with the signage warning of the closure, and the Town Clerk to publish the warning on the Town signs, Facebook account, and newspaper, as necessary.

### **24-18 PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Public Works Director, Arnold Allred, gave the report. See attached. Director Allred discussed a check valve replacement, his department's work with the engineers on the AIA Grant project and the recent replacement of a flow meter. Director Allred discussed the impacts of the clogging and debris removal on the department and the pump equipment.

**24-19 NEW BUSINESS**

Town Clerk O'Brien asked the Board to respond to a request from Deanna Culbertson to purchase the old Christmas wreaths for the Town of Bennett. General discussion reference the possible reuse and rebuilding of some of the Christmas decorations for use near Highway 64 at the mobile home parks. Town Clerk O'Brien will call tomorrow and let Mrs. Culbertson know the Board's decision to keep the old decorations.

Mayor Hurley discussed the HOME resolution included in the Board packets. The Piedmont Triad Regional Commission has chosen to be part of a consortium of Towns and Counties in a grant program for affordable home projects. This grant program extends for three years and has no cost to the participating governments. The deadline to join the consortium with a resolution is August 15<sup>th</sup>. The grant amounts are based on all the member governments total census population. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to ask the Mayor to sign the HOME Resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Perry Conner discussed a trip hazard on Depot Street caused by the recent construction by LUMOS of the highspeed internet connections in Town. He suggested the Town reach out to the company and have the area repaired. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn and several other Commissioners discussed sending a letter to Mr. Maness's family on Allred Street because of an inoperable car on Allred Street. The car is too close to the roadway and blocking the utility easement. **Motion by Commissioner Farias for the Town to write an appropriately threatening letter and follow through with fines as needed. Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

**Motion by Commissioner Whatley to adjourn.  
Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley  
Meeting Adjourned 8:37pm.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C. Hurley, Mayor

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

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk