



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting  
July 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: Laurie Cone, Harvey Harman, Shelly Siskin, Michael Stuart, Samantha Stuart

**24-01 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

**24-02 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.**

**24-03 OLD BUSINESS**

Town Clerk O'Brien discussed the resolution and the progress on the proposed Road Closure for Buie Lane. The Board has set the date for the Public Hearing as August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Commissioner Whatley discussed the need to be sure the final ordinance includes the language to retain the rights to retain all the easements. The certified letters to adjoining property owners and the ads for the public hearing will go out on Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. Town Clerk O'Brien discussed the start of the audit process with the Auditor. She has already been sending the requested information to their office and they will be settling on dates for the in-office fieldwork. She discussed her conversations with Duke Energy and Pike Electric to install the electrical drops for the additional Christmas lights. She has had little success and has gone to the regional director for assistance. Duke Energy has stated that most Towns do their own electrical drops and the Utility finishes the hook up of power. General discussion reference adding more electrical drops than currently needed so if additional decorations are used the electrical connections would be finished. Commissioner Brandon Hurley suggested doing 24 more connections for the lights. **Commissioner Goodwin, motion to add 24 more connections, seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

#### **24-04 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Finance Officer O'Brien discussed the audit in progress. The office is forwarding information to the Auditor, Mr. Carrick, as he requests it. She discussed the Tech company Partners, will be in the office first thing in the morning on the 11<sup>th</sup>, to do an inventory and a schematic of the office systems. The Public hearing for the Proposed Road closure of Buie Lane is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm before the regular Board meeting. The ads are ready to run as well as the certified letters to adjoining landowners. The AIA grant engineers, LKC Engineering, will hold a progress meeting on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall at 10:00am. See attached financial reports for the Board.

#### **24-05 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Michael Stuart, a local landowner, discussed with the Board the possibility of applying for a special use permit or a variance to allow for a modular home placement on his property on Depot Street. The property has large rock outcroppings and is too shallow to allow for a normal home foundation. The cost of the foundation work precludes the owners from a standard foundation and stick built construction, but the property is near the post office and the school and is zoned Town Center. The Board discussed his options and suggested there were still options for him to build and the modular or double-wide mobile home would not fit with the area. They encouraged him to look at raised foundation or modified home plans for difficult sites. Perhaps an engineer could advise him.

Commissioner Whatley presented a resolution in support of the Highway 64 project and the encouragement of Franklinville to benefit from the water lines with a 24" pipeline. See attached. He asked for the resolution from the board to be signed and sent to the County Manager and the County Commissioners. **Commissioner Farias, Motion to have the Mayor sign the resolution on behalf of the Board. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Point of Privilege, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, would we still be required to install large meters on Highway 64 at our cost and engineering? General discussion reference the engineering services the County has already done and what the options will be for financing for the Town. Motion Adopted, unanimously.**

#### **24-06 PUBLIC SAFETY**

Commissioner Farias discussed the schedules of the part time deputies, and he will be working on those schedules for the next few months. General discussion reference scheduling and distribution of those schedules. A copy will be in the office and can be provided to the Commissioners, if needed. Commissioner Farias discussed recent arrests around and near Franklinville.

#### **24-07 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 also reported on the recent programs Held in the Library and the up-coming plans for the Summer Programs. See included.

Commissioner Brandon Hurley and Utilities Clerk Christie Gunter discussed the next event requiring a road closure is the Halloween Trunk or Treat at the Park. Christie has the resolution ready for the Board.

**Commissioner Brandon Hurley, motion to send the resolution for road closure to the DMV for October 31<sup>st</sup>. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion Adopted, unanimously.**

**24-08 PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Public Works Director, Arnold Allred, gave the report. See attached. Director Allred discussed the possibility of fines from the NC Department of Water Quality, because of a recent overflow at the Ogles Creek Pumping Station. Water infiltration from the recent heavy rain along with the clogging of the pump from debris from the homeowners illegal flushing of materials has caused a recent overflow. The clogging is an on-going issue with sheets and clothing clogging the pump. Director Allred announced that his transmission was out of his work truck and repairs had been priced at \$12,000.00. He had located another shop to do the repairs for approximately \$8,000.00. Director Allred discussed the new policy the office has given to citizens who rent the shelter asking them to bag their trash and place in or near the shelter trash receptacles. This has been helpful, and the office will print a handout to give with each rental. General discussion reference the Franklinville Methodist Church losses due to the wall collapse.

**24-09 TRANSPORTATION**

There were no transportation items.

**Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Whatley.  
Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley.**

**Adjourned 8:42 pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C. Hurley, Mayor

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Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk