



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 12, 2023
Held at 163 West Main Street, Franklinville Town Hall**

Attending:

Mayor A.C. Hurley, 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
Library director-Charity Johnson
Guests: Laurie Cone, Harvey Harman, Mary Joan Pugh, Director Piedmont Trail Association, Ann McDowell, Chris McDowell, Susie Richards

23-50 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

23-51 CONSENT AGENDA

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

23-52 OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Whatley discussed the recent death of former Commissioner Maxton Craven. General discussion reference a memorial contribution for the family in remembrance of his service to the Town.

Town Clerk O'Brien discussed the need to pass an ordinance and approve an advertising schedule and a public hearing date for the Buie Lane road closure. Clerk O'Brien asked to start the process after the fiscal year end because of the timing and the effect on the Powell Bill reporting. Commissioner Whatley discussed the need to write the ordinance to be sure and retain the easements, as this will affect the Greenway and the Town services such as water and sewer and electrical.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to advertise the road closure to fit in with the Powell Bill certification and retain the easements.

Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.

Mary Joan Pugh, Director of the Piedmont Trail Association, gave an up-date on progress of both the Sandy Creek and the Brush Creek bridges. She hopes to put out the bids in July and let the contract in August.

The Trail Assoc. has recreational trails grant of \$100,000.00 and a County Grant of \$3000,000.00. She figures there might be a \$20,000.00 or more gap in funding and hopes the County will cover the shortfall. The main funds have been moved to the Piedmont Land Conservancy and includes the trail design. Universal Fibers (formerly Sapona) easements are the next step in the trail development and then the engineering should take 4 months. The Board thanked Mrs. Pugh for her up-dates on the project.

23-53 ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the report. See attached. She presented the 2023-2024 Budget to the Board. General discussion of the Board reference the Budget form the Budget Committee. **Commissioner Whatley , motion to adopt the 2023-2024 budget as presented. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Finance Officer O'Brien asked the Board to set a date for the Pubic Hearing and final vote on the budget. General discussion reference the dates and times. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to set the date of June 22nd at 6:30pm for the Public Hearing and the Board Meeting and final vote to follow. Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley, motion adopted, unanimously.**

23-54 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley and Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the possibility of development of a Dollar General store on property near the Franklinville limits. Discussion of the budget for the Highway 64 project and its inclusion in the next budget.

23-55 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Whatley and Commissioner Goodwin discussed the positive impacts of the Sheriff's Deputies in town and the positive comments from citizens.

23-56 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. Charity Johnson, Library Director gave a quarterly report to the Board. An employee has done outreach to the local elementary school, and they hope to start new reading programs. The library is waiting on the new software and machines for self- check -out of the books. They have been outfitting the books for the new process. The goal is to give library workers more time to interact with the library patrons. The library will be hosting a Year of the Trail Scavenger Hunt.

23-57 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director, Arnold Allred, gave the report. See attached. His department has completed the mailing of the annual CCR report for the state regulations. He listed the 811 locates and the meter checks and repairs for the month. See the attached report.

23-58 TRANSPORTATION

General discussion reference the possible closing of Buie Lane and the timing of the notices and the public hearing for the process. The clerk will have the ordinance for the Board at the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Whatley suggested the inclusion of specific language to retain the utility easements which must be advertised at the same time in the notice. The Clerk assured the Board she would make sure it was in the ordinance for their review.

23-59 NEW BUSINESS

Town Clerk O'Brien discussed the recent request of a citizen for replacement of the sign on Wallace street and pothole repair on the same street.

Harvey Harman of the Living Well Development discussed his excitement about the progress with the trail and the bridges.

Mayor Hurley discussed the Board of Elections asking for workers for the coming elections. The Mayor also discussed the Elected Officials Picnic on September 28th. General discussion reference ideas for the gift bags for the event. In response to questioning by Clerk O'Brien , the average attendees seem to be around 60 people.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Brandon Hurley.

Seconded by Commissioner Whatley

Adjourned 8:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk