



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 11, 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: Dr. Shah Ardalan, Laurie Cone, Perry Conner, Bill Lester, Martha Nichols, Marc Schaefer, Shellie Siskin, Craig Smith

24-20 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence/ Prayer

24-21 CONSENT AGENDA

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

24-22 NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Shah Ardalan, Randolph Community College President, addressed the Board. He discussed the contributions of the College and how they hope to serve every corner of Randolph County. He asked each Commissioner to consider and tell him how RCC can best benefit our community. General discussion reference the business and community partnerships and the importance of building relationships within the community. Each Commissioner discussed a topic of importance to them. Dr. Ardalan announced an event to be held with the area Legislators on October 6th in the Health Sciences Building on campus at 10:00am and invited any members of the Board to attend. Mayor Hurley and the Commissioners thanked Dr. Ardalan for meeting with them and expressed appreciation for his outreach to the community.

24-23 OLD BUSINESS

Bill Lester with LKC Engineering discussed an application he and Marc Schaefer are preparing to submit for the town to the NC Department of Environmental Water Quality. He asked the Board to pass a resolution in favor of the application and project and naming Mayor Hurley as the Town contact person for the project. **Commissioner Goodwin seconded by Commissioner Whatley to allow Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to sign the resolution naming Mayor Hurley as lead contact for the Town. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Perry Conner, Craig Smith, and Martha Nichols asked to discuss the road closure of Buie Lane scheduled for October 1st. Mr. Conner asked the Board to reconsider based on the traffic problems it could cause with the closure and the difficulty it will cause at the intersection of Andrew Hunter Road and West Main Street, (Highway 22). Ms. Nichols discussed her frequent use of the road and possible repairs that could be completed rather than closing the road. Mr. Conner asked for a study of usage of the road before closing. He discussed the issues with traffic near the intersection at the Quik Chek. General discussion reference the closure and the public hearing already held last month by the Board. The Board discussed leaving the decision as is and closing the road on the formerly approved schedule of October 1st.

24-24 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Farias gave an up-date on the Town Hall building project. He discussed the issues with the County and the County has asked for an engineering report, primarily because of the recent failure of a wall at the Methodist Church, which was built approximately the same era as the bank building. He is proceeding with finding an engineer and getting them to sign off on the rehab of the building.

Commissioner Whatley discussed the Sandy Creek bridge project, and the next meeting is September 14 to discuss the bids. The Bush Creek bridge project is next. Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the positive local interest in the trail and the bridges.

24-25 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the schedules of the part time deputies, He is completing the schedule for October, November, and December. Commissioner Farias also discussed the need for a jake-braking ordinance for the town. This ordinance would attempt to stop jake-breaking within the town limits. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to develop an ordinance for Franklinville to stop jake-breaking in town limits. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, motion adopted, unanimously.**

24-26 PUBLIC SERVICES

Commissioner Whatley discussed the 50th Anniversary of the Seagrove Library, and the 100-year Anniversary next year of the Franklinville Library and the need to hold a public celebration of the event. He discussed possible plans for next year and hopes to have a successful celebration of the first Library in the County.

24-27 TRANSPORTATION

No report was needed for transportation.

24-28 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director, Arnold Allred, gave the report. See attached. Director Allred discussed the prices and need for the vac trailer the department has been leasing by the month @ \$1200.00 per month. He presented a schedule of prices and payments from the company, Ditch Witch, for 24 month to 60-month terms. Finance Officer O'Brien explained the process the Local Government Commission requires before a unit of government can take on debt. Franklinville must request to be added to the agenda of a meeting of the Local Government Commission and present the need for the new equipment and the term of the indebtedness and the costs involved. This process can take 3 to 4 months to receive approval. **Motion by Commissioner Brandon Hurley**

to contact the LGC and start the process for the 36-month, \$1500.00 loan. Seconded by Commissioner Farias, motion adopted unanimously.

Director Allred discussed the recent overflows at Ogles Creek and discussed the issue of rags clogging the pumps. He also discussed the likelihood of state mandated fines for the water infiltration of the system.

24-29 NEW BUSINESS

Perry Conner discussed how happy he was to see movement in Town with the Old Bank Building project and the Greenway bridges under engineering contracts.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Farias

Meeting Adjourned 9:38pm.

Executive Session,

§143-318.11 Closed Session, Personnel

Board meeting resumes at 9:55 pm.

24-30 NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Director Allred discussed the recent applications for Assistant Director of Public Works position. **The department received 17 applications and the HR committee is ready to offer the chosen applicant, Todd Lowder, a salary of \$56,000.00 per year and will need to pay the Back-up ORC, Joe Walsh, \$500.00 per month for a minimum period of 6 months. Public Works Director Arnold Allred will reduce his hours to 35 hours a week but remain at the same salary. Motion to make these offers to Mr. Lowder, Mr. Walsh, and Mr. Allred, made by Commissioner Whatley, Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Mayor A. C. Huley reminded the Board of the Mayor's Walk to be held in Franklinville on Sunday, October 1st.

Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Whatley.

Seconded by Commissioner Farias.

Adjourned. 10:09pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk