



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
November 13, 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: * See attached listing

24-41 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

24-42 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to adopt the amended minutes from September 11th, to reflect the corrected motion on the salary amount for Todd Lowder. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously. Motion by Commissioner Whatley to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.

24-43 OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Billy Farias gave a report on the Town Hall project. The foundation work has been inspected and passed and the project is continuing with the electrical and framing. Commissioner Farias also discussed the disposal of the old Christmas lights stored in the New Town Hall building. Public Works Director Allred stated that the lights were not really usable anymore and were in disrepair and not worth working on. Finance Officer O'Brien stated she had an inquiry from a lady in the Town of Bennet that might be interested in purchasing them and ask for suggestions for a price. She would try to reach the lady this week. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to start at \$1000.00 for all and take whatever she could offer. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

24-44 EXECUTIVE SESSION

143-318.11 NCGA Legal Issues
Board met with Sheriff Seabolt and staff members.

Executive session closed.
General Session Reopened

24-45 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley opened the discussion reference the house and occupants at 216 Sunrise Avenue. Multiple concerns have been raised with the Administration of the Town about the multiple occupants being registered as paroled convicted sexual offenders. This, of course, was never discussed with the Town or the Planning and Development Board. Sheriff Seabolt and his staff answered questions about several legal issues and discussed the process of conviction, incarceration, parole, and registration of sexual offenders.

General discussion reference requirements of notification for residents and the process the owners of the house disregarded in their establishment of the home. The new homeowners had originally said they were rehabbing the home to sell, and any occupants the neighbors saw were working on the home.

General discussion reference keeping the community informed and the next steps the Town could take. The Town has been in contact with the League of Municipalities for advice and instructions on how best to proceed. Sheriff Seabolt and Col. Aundrea Azelton discussed with the citizens the laws and regulations each offender would have to follow and answered further questions about who to call for violations and to report any offenses. Sheriff Seabolt has assured the community that every law will be followed, and the area will be watched for violations. The Mayor and Board addressed the citizens with a brief statement about the issue and why the Board would be unable to comment because of the possibility of a Planning and Zoning hearing or legal challenges. The Board and Mayor reiterated that they were listening and going to act in the best interest of the citizens of Franklinville for a resolution. General comments from the attending citizens of safety concerns, property devaluations, and general neighborhood neatness, among other issues.

24-46 ADMINISTRATION

Finance Officer O'Brien asked for questions about the Administrative Report, or the Financial Reports provided. She discussed the finalization of the Yearly Audit and the upcoming presentation of the Audit report to the Board. She also asked for a list of possible dignitaries for the December Swearing in event at the regular December Board Meeting. Mayor Hurley said he would ask Judge Barron Thompson to attend and do the honors.

24-47 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the schedules of the part time deputies and the placement of deputies in the Town. Commissioner Farias also discussed the Registered Sex Offender Website and how to access the information for Franklinville and surrounding areas, and how to sign up for alerts to the system. He will update and assign the deputies towards the end of each month.

24-48 PUBLIC SERVICES

Charity Johnson sent a Library report of the monthly programs and Amanda Ratliff reported on the Partnership for Children progress. Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the Christmas Parade for December 2nd and the Road closures timing and placement. Director Allred asked if the Public Works Department would receive Compensatory time for working the parade and the Commissioners agreed, of course all employees that work the parade should receive comp time and there would be no need to vote on it.

24-49 TRANSPORTATION

No report was needed for transportation.

24-50 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director, Arnold Allred, gave the report. See attached. He discussed the progress of the Engineering firm, LKC Engineering, with the Asset Inventory Assessments for water and sewer. They are working on water assets and mapping now. They are mapping service lines from service points to individual houses in the system.

24-51 NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Billy Farias discussed the plans for the exterior of the old company store and the owner, Ms. Caudle’s plans for completing the renovation of the front of the building.

Finance Officer O’Brien discussed the question of a citizen who had a cemetery marker damaged and repaired at a cost of \$175.00. The monument company told her it was toppled and damaged by fire ants and she sent photos of the damage and the ant hills. She asked if the town could help compensate for the damage. General discussion reference liability and possible remedies for the fire ant infestation during the summer months. No decision was reached.

Perry Conner asked if the Town would consider blocking off a road for sledding during a snow event. During prior years it was normal to block off at least one Town street for the community to sled. General discussion reference Town and State streets, and no decision was reached.

The Public Works Director was asked to get a new sign for Lambe Lane, as the old one is missing. He stated he would order some new signs.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Brandon Hurley

Meeting Adjourned 8:55 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O’Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk