



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting  
February 12, 2024  
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  
Librarian – Charity Johnson  
Guests: Laurie Cone, Harvey Harman

**24-75 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

**24-76 CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**24-77 OLD BUSINESS TOWN HALL UP-DATE**

Commissioner Farias gave an up-date on the Town Hall reconstruction project. The building project and contract is under budget and timeline, but the parking improvements and the railings are needed to fund. Public Works Director Allred and his department have installed the water and sewer lines and graded the parking lot, added the paving material, the barriers for the lot, and built the steps, as well as steps and walkways poured at substantial savings. The original contract for the interior of the building with Mr. King was \$199,010.50 of which 150,000.00 was appropriated from the ARPA fund. Commissioner Farias and Director Allred estimate the building and grounds can be completed for \$225,000.00 total. General discussion reference The costs, savings, and importance of completing the building this Spring/Summer. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to appropriate the funds to finish the building for \$225,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted. Four ayes, Commissioner Brandon Hurley opposed.**

Town Clerk O'Brien asked for the Commissioners to reconsider the repair or replacement of the air conditioning system for the present Town Hall Building. At a previous meeting, the Commissioners had voted to replace the unit at an approximate cost of \$7,000.00. Repairs only are expected to cost \$2,800.00. Since the new Town Hall will be completed much earlier than once anticipated, she asked if the Board still wanted to

proceed with the new HVAC unit. **Commissioner Farias, motion to repair the old unit at the quoted cost of \$2,800.00. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

#### **24-78 ADMINISTRATION**

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the financial report and asked for any questions. She reported in the recent past month property tax revenues were more than the Town had ever received at one time. A one-time payment of more than \$73,000.00 was received just prior to the Board Meeting. She asked the Board to set a time in March for the Budget Committee to meet and start the budgeting process. General discussion reference the best time and date for the first budget meeting. The Commissioners chose March 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall. Unfortunately, Mayor Pro Tem Dunn will be busy with the Election Board but will be able to attend subsequent meetings. This meeting will be appropriately advertised for the public. Finance Officer O'Brien asked for the Board and Director Allred to bring their suggestions and wanted budget items to her a week in advance of the meeting, so she could incorporate them into the budget wish list.

#### **24-79 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

Commissioner Whatley and Clerk O'Brien discussed the necessary resolution for the Public Hearing for the Unified Development Ordinances requested amendments. The Planning Board is meeting on February 22, 2024, to discuss the amendments, and the Public Hearing will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and also a Public Hearing before the next Board Meeting. O'Brien requested the resolution for the Public Hearing to be adopted.

**Commissioner Farias, motion to adopt the approving resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

#### **24-80 PUBLIC SERVICES**

Librarian Johnson discussed the library meeting on February 28<sup>th</sup> to plan for the anniversary of the library and events and programs for the celebration. She also discussed the up-coming programs to be offered this Spring. Commissioner Farias discussed the options of painting the library and the prices the Librarian had already procured. General discussion reference the best options and what the Town's Public Works Department would be able to handle. Discussion reference the need for mold and mildew removal and mitigation before painting. Librarian Johnson thanked the Commissioners.

Mayor Hurley directed the Commissioners to the Partnership for Children report that was included in their packet from Amanda Ratliff.

#### **24-81 PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Public Works Director Allred presented his report to the Board. He discussed his upcoming meetings with the engineers from LKC Engineering at Ogles Creek Pumping Station. Randolph County has voted to award the Town of Franklinville 2.2 million dollars for a new pump station at Ogles Creek. The station will be built higher with a deeper well for improvement during weather events. Mr. Allred told the Board that the Town could possibly receive a fine of \$1,000.00 from the State for water infiltration during the recent heavy rain event. His department has also been smoking sewer lines and looking for leaks and issues. See the attached meter report. The County has formed an Eastern Randolph Advisory Board for water/sewer and Mayor Hurley has named Director Allred as a Franklinville representative. General discussion reference fiber optic lines and U-locates completed in the past month.

**24-82 VISITORS COMMENTS**

Laurie Cone from the Living Well Community thanked the Town for continuing the recent improvements. Harvey Harman with the Living Well Community asked the clerk for a footnote or notation in the UDO for solar power installations in the Community to not require a permit. He has had prior discussions with the Planning Board and the consultant, Jill Wood, about the installation of roof mounted solar without a permit. Mayor Pro Tem Priscilla Dunn requested a letter to address the litter and trash around the lot at the end of Allred Street. The occupants are gone, and she suggested the office send a letter to the owners advising them to clean it up.

**24-83 MAYORS COMMENTS**

Mayor Hurley discussed the State-wide Litter Sweep from April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 27<sup>th</sup> and hopes to have an event in Franklinville.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION § 143-318.11.** Calling a Closed Session. – A public body may hold a closed session only upon a motion duly made and adopted at an open meeting. Every motion to close a meeting shall cite one or more of the permissible purposes listed in subsection (a) of this section, such as property acquisition.

**Motion by Commissioner Whatley to adjourn the regular meeting and open a closed session to discuss possible property acquisition. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned 8:16pm**

**Regular Board meeting reopened 8:25 pm.**

**Motion by Commissioner Whatley to offer between \$70,000 and \$75,000.00 for the Ashworth house behind the current Town Hall Building. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn, Motion adopted, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley.**

**Meeting Adjourned 8:36pm**

Respectfully Submitted,

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A.C. Hurley, Mayor

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Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk