



***Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
April 8, 2024
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: Perry Conner, Harvey Harman, Mike and Debbe Hodgin, Brenda Jones, Shelly Siskin

24-88 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

24-89 CONSENT AGENDA

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

24-90 OLD BUSINESS 216 SUNRISE UP-DATE

Commissioner Farias gave an up-date on the 216 Sunrise Avenue property that is currently non-compliant with the Neighborhood Residential zoning. They have been sent certified letters detailing the non-compliance and have until April 26th to respond or be compliant. The Attorney will start litigation after this date with the agreement of the Town. The Clerk and Board are working for a swift resolution to this issue of improper institutional housing of sex offenders in neighborhoods.

24-91 ADMINISTRATION

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the financial report and asked for any questions. The Budget Committee has met twice and worked out a budget for the next Fiscal Year. See attached proposals. This proposed budget must now be submitted to the Local Government Commission for review since the Town Water and Sewer Departments are considered distressed. The State will then recommend any proposed changes to the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to allow Beverly to make the necessary changes to the budget, if required by the State. Seconded by Mayor Prop Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.

24-92 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley discussed the planned sewer line replacement across the river from the Ogles Creek Pump Station and suggested the design and placement of a water line in the same area. General discussion reference the possible engineering cost. Bill Lester with LKC is already representing the Town on the Highway 64 project and the Ogles Creek project in the same area.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to ask Bill Lester to find out the costs to design and engineer a water line across the river. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.

General discussion reference the uses and worth of the present Town Hall building at 163 West Main Street. Discussion on how decisions on leasing out or selling the building cannot be made until the Board has an idea of the value of the building. The Library will remain on the second floor for now, but the Board room and Town Hall office will be empty with the move to the new building. Whether the Board leases it or sells it, the Commissioners want a fair market value. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to have an appraisal done and ask Mr. Merritt Wilson, recommended by Mr. Gallimore, to appraise the building. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

24-93 PUBLIC SERVICES

Commissioner Whatley conveyed the thanks of County Library Director, Ross Holt for the reinstallation and retrofitting of the Library door. The door was changed by contractor Wesley King to accept the new hardware and gates used by the library for book scanning.

24-94 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Allred presented his report to the Board. See attached. He discussed the repairs to the valve at the Clark Street water tank. The repairs were less than anticipated since the Public Works Department did some of the repair work. He presented photos of the work and the repairs. He discussed the mowing and chipping accomplished in the past month.

24-95 VISITORS COMMENTS

Harvey Harman from the Living Well Community discussed the need for more signage for Rail Trail parking and access. New signs are needed at the end of the parking area above the sewer plant and more signage along the trail itself. General discussion

Commissioner Whatley Motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Farias.

Meeting Adjourned 8:25pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk