



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
May 13, 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 Mac Whatley

Town Clerk /Finance Officer Beverly O'Brien

Public Works Director-Arnold Allred

Utility Clerk – Christie Gunter

Guests: Laurie Cone, Perry Conner, Charity Johnson, Chris, Christie and Emme McCorquodale, Brenda Jones, Kim Radcliff with Partnership for Children, and Shelly Siskin

24-96 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence/ Prayer

24-97 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn.

Motion adopted, unanimously.

24-98 ADMINISTRATION

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the financial report and asked for any questions. She presented the Proposed 2024-2025 Budget to the Board from the Budget Committee. The Commissioners have reviewed the proposed budget, and the proposed Budget Ordinance was included in the packet for consideration. General discussion Reference the budget and priorities included in this year's proposed budget. Commissioner Whatley asked if the office had heard from the Local Government Commission about the proposed budget we had submitted for their review? Finance Officer O'Brien replied, we have only received the submittal acknowledgment, but because of timing, and very few changes to the budget, we will proceed with the vote and the Public Hearing.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to approve the Proposed Budget for 2024-2025. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Whatley, motion to schedule and advertise a Public Hearing for the Budget on June 10th, before the regularly scheduled Board Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted unanimously.

24-99 OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Farias discussed plans for the open house for the new Town Hall Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting. General discussion reference the best date to hold the event and Commissioner Farias suggested June 14th, Flag Day. Commissioner Whatley asked that all former Mayors and Commissioners be included, as well as the State representatives and the local representatives. Commissioner Farias discussed the inclusion of the Chamber of Commerce and the Local Heart of Triad Tourism Bureau. The refreshments will start at 5:30 and the tours of the building begin at 6:00 pm. These are the tentative arrangements.

24-100 PUBLIC SERVICES

Charity Johnson, Library Director discussed plans for the celebration of the library's 100-year anniversary. The plans so far include a reception either at the library or on the grounds on Sunday, October 13th at 2:00 pm. She discussed programming and the schedule of programs for the Summer.

24-101 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Allred presented his report to the Board. See attached. Director Allred gave an up-date on the progress of the Ogles Creek Pump Station Project in conjunction with the County. He discussed the need to buy the property from Schwarz properties and move the new pump station to a higher elevation. Mr. Schwarz is unwilling to give up the property for the station without the Town or County buying it. He has suggested a price of \$70,000.00 for the land. General discussion reference the best way to approach the needed property. Commissioner Whatley suggested the Town allow both he, and he would like to have Commissioner Farias, as well, to negotiate the purchase of the property. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to allow negotiation for the property for no more than \$70,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Commissioner Goodwin asked Mr. Allred if the rag and clogging problems would still occur with the new Pump Station. Mr. Allred discussed the improvements to the newer versions of screening. Director Allred discussed the need for new filter valves for the treatment plant and will be getting pricing on replacements. Director Allred discussed the boring tests beginning for the County's Hwy 64 water project to Chatham County. He also discussed the # of 811 locates, see report, and the repairs to drainage on Smith Street. General discussion about the new benches at the park play area, and the frequency of their use. Mr. Allred has met with Harvey Harman of the Living Well Community about the extension of 6 inch and 8inch water and sewer lines in the community.

24-102 VISITORS COMMENTS

Major Christie McCorquodale of Randolph County Emergency Services discussed the upcoming CERT training. (Community Emergency Response Training) The Training will be held at the Franklinville Fire Department July 12th -July 14th. Ms. Siskin had requested such a training and Commissioner Farias set it up with the County. Maj. McCorquodale stated the training is very specific to where you live and is volunteer training for a response in the first 72 hours of an event, when larger emergency responses may not be able to get to your community. Matthew Hunt will be the trainer for the CERT course. The hours are Friday, 6-10 pm. Saturday, 9am-6pm. Sunday 9am-6pm. Participants must attend all sessions for certification.

General discussion from visitors reference recent car break-ins on both Sunrise Avenue and Rose Street.

Commissioner Farias discussed making the Deputies aware of the car break-ins so they can patrol the area more often. Kim Radcliff with the Randolph County Partnership for Children discussed the need for all communities to come to a brainstorming breakfast in Asheboro. She will hold the breakfast at Pinewood Country Club on May 22nd, at 7:30 am. The immediate crisis is the number of childcare facilities closing in Randolph County, and what this means for children and families.

Mayor Hurley announced the Franklinville Fire Department will be doing a training burn of Nina Kaiser's house on May 26th. General discussion reference the ballfield and the use of the fields.

Commissioner Whatley Motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Farias.

Meeting Adjourned 8:35pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk