



**Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
July 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 Mac Whatley

Town Clerk /Finance Officer Beverly O'Brien

Public Works Director-Arnold Allred

Utility Clerk – Christie Gunter

Library Director- Charity Johnson

Guests: Laurie Cone, Perry Conner, Harvey Harman, Harriet Moulder, Shelly Siskin, Richard Underwood

25-1 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence/ Prayer

25-2 CONSENT AGENDA

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

Motion adopted, unanimously.

25-3 ADMINISTRATION

Finance Officer O'Brien gave a brief financial report and asked for any questions. She discussed the start of the audit process with the Auditor, Mr. Carrick. The office has been compiling the requested records and forwarding them to him in advance of the fieldwork in our office in September.

A date of September 11th has been accepted for the in-office field work, and the audit should be completed on schedule. She asked for permission to make the necessary budget amendments and bring them to the Board next month. Most are for excess revenue over projections, or within the same department. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to allow Finance Officer O'Brien to make the necessary budget amendments. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

General discussion reference the quotes on cameras for security at the new Town Hall building. See attached materials.

Consensus to go with the lowest bidder for the basic service and installation by Partner's Consulting for \$2029.00. Gray and Creech had a super service for \$9500.00., negotiated down from over \$10,000.00. The \$2029.00 was included in the budget for this fiscal year, so required no full vote of the Board. Other systems reviewed required installation by the Town, and /or electricians.

25-4 OLD BUSINESS

Director Allred discussed a request for an extension of sewer service along the north end of Allred Street. The Board had voted several years ago to extend the service to Clark Street, but the original applicants were no longer interested, and the State Division of Water/Sewer utilities now require an extension of that size to be engineered, raising the costs. The original amount budgeted was \$7000.00, but the budget year passed without the expenditure. General discussion reference the need for expansion and development versus the cost. Harvey Harman has recently purchased property on Allred Street and is interested in the expansion of sewer lines. He discussed some financial help with the engineering costs he could provide. Commissioner Whatley discussed the interest in an extension of sewer service on Holly Street as well. Mayor Hurley asked Director Allred to provide a ballpark estimate of the costs involved for Allred Street. Director Allred a cost estimate of \$30,000.00 to Clark Street. \$12,500.00 for one house. The costs would rise to \$40,000.00 with the addition of engineering fees. General discussion reference the interest of individual residents on Allred and Holly Street connecting to a new sewer line. Finance Officer O'Brien suggested the office could draft a letter to residents in those areas, asking if there was any interest in a sewer line expansion. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to allow the office to send an exploratory letter to residents of both Allred and Holly Streets to gauge interest in the project. Seconded by Commissioner Farias with the amendment to read: if the interest is not there, it would simply be a nonbinding survey. Motion adopted as amended, unanimously.**

25- 5 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Whatley discussed the zoning issue with 216 Sunrise Avenue and the lack of information. Residents are understandably upset and questioning the Commissioners and the Office Staff regularly about any developments on the Sex Offender Parolee house on Sunrise Avenue. There are no further reports from the Attorney at this time.

25-6 RECREATION

Commissioner Whatley discussed a possible reorganization of the committee structure for the Commissioners. He had redrawn the original committees many years ago and they had not been updated. See attached. The immediate need is the recreational committee, because of issues with the sports programs at the Otus Thomas Ballfield facility. General discussion reference other Town's athletic programs and recreational employees. Commissioner Whatley had comparison information from Asheboro with three employees and varied shifts. Commissioner Farias suggested we look at the by-laws for the Athletic Association. General discussion reference a called Recreation Committee meeting for accountability. Commissioner Goodwin will address the reported issues with Jon Thomas, the current Volunteer Athletic Director.

25-7 PUBLIC SERVICES

Charity Johnson discussed the new Library programs. Franklinville Library attendance was up 22% and program attendance was up 80%, while the County Library system, as a whole, was down 6%. Storytime on Tuesdays at 10:30 am has seen an attendance of 40 parents and children. Commissioner Whatley discussed the original offer from Hobbs Architects, P.A. to up-date the plans and get a package ready for the Town to apply for grants from the General Assembly and USDA, etc. General discussion reference what the total costs might be and general agreement that the package was more than the Town needed at this time. The proposed Library building primarily needs a cost estimate and architectural

drawings for submittals. Mr. Hobbs current offer was \$15,000.00. Commissioner Whatley suggested we negotiate for the services we really need. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to offer \$12,000.00 and allow Mr. Hobbs to cut some of the items to our priorities. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Commissioner Whatley will discuss with Mr. Hobbs the necessary changes to the proposal.

25-8 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the Public Safety program and the CERT training (Certified Emergency Resident Training). He discussed the scheduling of the off-duty Sheriff's deputies in Town and stressed that citizens should not be afraid to report crimes or incidents in Town. He provides a list to each Deputy scheduled, of the areas that need special attention and concentration.

25-9 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Allred presented his report to the Board. See attached. Director Allred gave an up-date on the Asset Inventory Analysis projects for both the Water and Sewer projects. He had reached out to LKC Engineer, Bill Lester, but had not received a call back as of the time of the Board meeting. General discussion reference the AIA (Asset Inventory Assessment) grants for both water and wastewater.

Director Allred discussed the quote he received for new filter valves for the sewer treatment plant; both the valves combined were thought to be \$21,626.00, however they were actually priced individually at that price. Mr. Allred was able to get the supplier to a cost of \$39,510.00. for the valves but there is, of course, no directed funds in the Sewer budget for that large an expense. The valves must be replaced, and the use of ARPA (American Fiscal Recovery Plan) funding is the Town's only other option. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley To accept the price from CAROTEK Power Solutions and use the funds from the ARPA fund for infrastructure repair or improvement. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Director Allred also discussed a called meeting in Asheboro on Monday the 22nd at 4:30 pm with the Randolph County Commissioners to discuss our involvement with the Highway 64 Water Project. All Commissioners are invited. This meeting is a public meeting but is intended for the Franklinville Board of Commissioners.

25-10 TRANSPORTATION

General discussion reference which Town streets require immediate attention and paving repairs. East Bend Street at Park Street was discussed as well as the potholes on Wallace Street. The Powell funds are sufficient for the repairs, but not the complete repaving.

25-11 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Mayor Pro Tem Dunn discussed the need to have some residents clean up their property for the good of all the neighborhoods. She asked about the recent letters the staff had sent to repeat offenders and any actions that had been taken. Town Clerk O'Brien stated the letters were sent, but she was unsure of the percentage of compliance. She stated that if it rises to the level of a Minimum Housing Standard offense, more can be done. General discussion reference the properties needing clean-up and repair, and strategies to combat the problem and force compliance.

25-12 MAYOR'S COMMENTS

Mayor Hurley reminded the Board of the importance of the meeting with the County Commissioners at the McDowell Building on Monday the 22nd of July at 4:30pm in reference to an update on the water project.

Commissioner Farias Motion to Adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Whatley.

Meeting Adjourned 9.02 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk