



***Minutes of The Board of Commissioners Meeting
June 10, 2024
Held at 163 West Main Street, Franklinville Town Hall***

Attending:

Mayor A.C. Hurley, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, 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, Brenda Jones, Susie Richards, Shelly Siskin, Charlotte Vetter

24-103 7:00 pm PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER

General discussion reference contribution to Economic Development Council and The Fiscal Year 24-25 budget preparations. No questions from citizen attendees. Copies of budget and proposed ordinances distributed.

7:22 pm CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

24-104 7:30 pm COMMISSIONER'S MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/ Prayer

24-105 CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to accept the Consent Agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.

24-106 ADMINISTRATION

Finance Officer O'Brien gave a brief financial report and asked for any questions. She presented the Proposed 2024-2025 Budget to the Board for a final vote. General discussion reference the budget and priorities included in this year's proposed budget.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to approve the Proposed Budget for 2024-2025. Seconded by Commissioner Billy Farias. Motion adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Goodwin, Motion to approve the expenditure of \$500.00 to the Randolph County Economic Development Council. Motion adopted unanimously.

Commissioner Farias, motion to approve the proposed fee increase for garbage pick-up of \$1.00 per month for in town residents, since costs have increased, and we have had no increases in 11 years. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.

Finance Officer O'Brien discussed the increase in revenue from Sales Taxes. There has been a significant increase this fiscal year and she forecasted conservatively for next year, as it could possibly not increase as much, by percentage, as the past fiscal year. There is a revenue surplus in all General Fund revenues this fiscal year, of over \$100,000.00. The audit will begin the 1st of July and the office has already begun supplying the Auditor with records. A date of September 11th has been accepted for the in-office field work, and the audit should be completed on schedule. She stated the Town has been removed from the State Unit Assistance List because of the steady financials and the prompt audits, but the Town Water and Sewer Departments remain under the Distressed category, mainly because of the size of the systems.

24-107 PUBLIC SERVICES

Commissioner Whatley presented photos of a covered open-air building that could be used in the area beside the Masonic Lodge and the restaurant for events such as a farmers' market, or small meeting events, and could even be rented out like the park shelter. The unit is stocked at Lowes for \$3,999.00 for a 12X20ft. 2 placed end to end beside the lodge would allow for a large rental space. Commissioner Brandon Hurley and Public Works Director Arnold Allred discussed the local company that stocks similar products. JT Metal on highway 64 has a similar product for probably less. Arnold and Commissioner Hurley will continue to check on the cost of the building from the local supplier.

Library Director Charity Johnson had presented bids for the library painting and some repairs for \$6,800.00. The Board was considering this proposal and Commissioner Farias asked to have Wes King, the local contractor that finished the Bank building, to bid the library project. Mr. King has presented a bid of \$5,000.00 for the sheet rock, painting, and handgrips for the library entrance.

Commissioner Farias, motion to approve the contract for Wes King to complete the library painting and repair project for \$5,000.00. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted unanimously.

24-108 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 has not heard anything recent from the Engineering firm overseeing the project, LKC. He also discussed the progress of the Ogles Creek pump station project and the impasse without an agreement to buy the property to allow for the pump station to move to a higher elevation and avoid flooding.

Director Allred discussed the quote he received for new filter valves for the sewer treatment plant; both the valves combined are \$21,626.00. He has discussed with the Finance Officer the ability to use \$10,000.00 from this budget for one valve and replace the second valve in the next fiscal year. Finance Officer O'Brien advised that a small budget amendment may be necessary for the purchase this fiscal year, but she will bring it to the Board for approval.

Commissioner Goodwin, motion to replace one valve now and one in the next fiscal year. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted unanimously.

Director Allred discussed the delay with the Highway 64 water line construction. He also discussed the request from Providence Grove High School to add the Patriot's logo to the elevated water tank at the school. The school boosters will have a cost of \$16,000.00 for the logo, and Director Allred says it will cost \$442.00 per year for maintenance cost. The principal will report the cost quote to his booster's association and will advise the Town soon. Director Allred also mentioned the need to replace one hydrant in front of Franklinville Elementary School, and his department will complete that soon, as well. There is a major leak in front of the

Fire Department that will need to be addressed, and there have been incidents of vandalism at the Otus Thomas Ballfield. Director Allred suggested perhaps the Athletic Association needs a facilitator or manager to let the teams know the rules for opening and securing the park facilities. Commissioner Brandon Hurley discussed the possible implementation of more athletic fields like a pickle ball court. General discussion reference the costs of construction of various youth and adult outdoor activities. **Motion by Commissioner Farias for the Parks and Recreation committee to explore options and report back. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

24-109 VISITORS COMMENTS

Resident Brenda Jones questioned the progress on the zoning issue on 216 Sunrise Avenue. General discussion reference the next steps for the zoning non-compliance issue. Resident Perry Conner discussed the construction on the Piedmont Natural Gas pipeline starting soon and the impacts on traffic.

Commissioner Whatley Motion to Adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Farias.

Meeting Adjourned 8:28pm

Respectfully Submitted,

A.C. Hurley, Mayor

Attest: _____

Beverly O'Brien, Finance Officer/Town Clerk