



MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

October 14, 2024

ATTENDEES: Mayor A.C. Hurley, Mayor Pro-Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner Billy Farias, Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, Commissioner Mac Whatley
Finance Officer/Town Clerk-Beverly O'Brien

Utility Clerk-Christie Gunter

Public Works Director-Arnold Allred

GUESTS: Jackson Allred, Adam Deathe, CEO Asheboro Randolph Chamber of Commerce, Brandon Emory, Alliance Code Enforcement, Harvey Harman, Brenda Jones, Mike Jones, Charity Johnson, Librarian, Harriet Moulder, Andrea Priddy, Cliff Priddy, Franklinville Diner, Shelly Siskin, Amber Skeen, TDA.

25-31 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence/Prayer

25-32 CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hurley opened the consent agenda.

Commissioner Whatley motion to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.

25-33 OLD BUSINESS

Mayor A.C. Hurley opened the sealed bids for the mower and trailer that the town had accepted sealed bids for the past two weeks. The winning bid was placed by Kristen Coble for \$3500.00. She will be notified in the morning.

Billy Farias introduced the topic of the Diner lease renewal. General discussion of the lease terms and limits. Commissioner Brandon Hurley suggested the amount be reconsidered based on research he had completed for Randolph County and Asheboro commercial rents.

Cliff Priddy of the Franklinville Diner spoke about the benefits of keeping the restaurant viable and an asset to the community and their willingness to increase the rent 3% per year. General discussion reference the length of the lease. The originally submitted term was 10 years.

General discussion reference whether a shorter term would be more beneficial to the town since there are obviously changes with the library and the building coming up in the future.

Motion by Commissioner Farias to accept and sign the lease agreement with a 5-year term length. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted. One opposed, Commissioner Brandon Hurley.

25-34 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the financial report, revenues and expenses are relatively steady and have been within expected budget levels. She discussed the need for the Commissioners to decide about either postponing the November meeting or rescheduling it, due to the regular meeting night will fall on the Veteran's Day Holiday. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to postpone the meeting for one day and meet on Tuesday, November 12th. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.** The Town Clerk O'Brien said she would have the change advertised properly in the paper and on-line.

25-35 PLANNING AND ZONING

The Town Clerk asked for an acceptable date for the next Planning and Zoning Board Meeting. She has an application recently filed for their review. General discussion reference the best dates. The meetings are usually held the third Thursday night of the month. Thursday the 24th of October at 6:30 pm is the best time for most members. The clerk will advertise and send letters to those most affected by the zoning issue.

25-36 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias introduced Brandon Emory of Alliance Code Enforcement. He is one of a couple of bids received for code enforcement for the Town. Mr. Emory gave a brief description of the services his company provides to other municipalities, including Ramseur. He suggests an initial minimum of 10 hours per week at \$50.00 per hour. His company handles everything from the initial contact, notification, through resolution of the ordinance violation. His company also works to resolve the violation by helping the citizens find County and State resources to help them come into compliance. He often works with Habitat for Humanity and local groups to fix stairs and repair homes. He issues a monthly report for the Board to review. Commissioner Farias asked Mr. Emory to send a written proposal to the Board.

25-37 PUBLIC SERVICES

Mayor Hurley directed the Commissioners to their packets that contained the Parents as Teachers Reports. See attached. He also mentioned the Library Report. See attached. The library reception was a great success in celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Franklinville Library. Franklinville Diner catered the food, and the band was "Bad Penny," a local group of musicians. Commissioner Farias thanked the people that attended and the Librarian for her hard work.

25-38 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Allred discussed the AIA Surveys and his meetings with Bill Lester of LKC. These are Asset Inventory Assessments for both the water and sewer systems. He has talked with Mr. Lester with LKC Engineering about the timing and completion of the surveys. Director

Allred discussed the Ogles Creek Pump station replacement project. Mr. Allred has a bid opening for the project with the County on October 22nd. Once the bids are submitted, we will know what a bore under the river would cost, and if the Town will be able to do a water bore as well at that time. The surveyors are currently surveying the area for the easements from Erik Luchenbach, Harvey Harman, and Piedmont as required.

Director Allred has discussed the Highway 64 project with the Randolph County Infrastructure Manager, Chris Hildrith. He has discussed the need for a tee and a valve for us to connect to the new waterline. The new water line is expected to go down Jones Street Extension and a valve could be placed there. We will have to put the vault in at our own cost.

Director Allred said his department had completed 20 locates and had also discussed with Duke Energy the electrical installations to be completed by Thanksgiving for the installation of our Town Christmas lights. He stated we have 37 wreath and candy cane lights available.

His department is working on the new bridge signage and entries for the ribbon cutting on Friday evening.

25-39 VISITORS COMMENTS

Tourism Development Association Member, Amber Skeen stated she was glad to attend the Board meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn and Commissioner Goodwin announced the Methodist Church's breakfast raised over \$3,500.00 for disaster relief in Western NC. General discussion reference the recent successful car show held in the park and a reminder of the ribbon cutting to be held Friday at 4:00 pm at the new Sandy Creek Bridge. The Mayor's Walk is on Saturday at 2:00 pm at the western end of the park. General discussion of the December 7th Christmas Parade, bike giveaway and tree lighting. The Eastern Randolph Chamber of Commerce will be unable to present monetary prizes this year for the top three floats and Commissioner Goodwin suggested the Town could handle the prizes this year. Commissioner Brandon Hurley, co-chair of the recreation committee, asked if there would be enough funds for the Halloween Trunk or Treat in the Park event and the Christmas prizes. Finance Officer O'Brien said that both amounts could be accommodated in this year's budget. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to offer \$200.00 for first prize, \$100.00 for second prize and \$50.00 for third prize. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

General discussion reference car break-ins in the area around Sunrise Ave. Commissioner Farias stated he would put the information in the Deputies packets, so they could be aware of it for their shifts.

Commissioner Whatley, motion to adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Farias.

8:50 pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor A.C. Hurley

(seal) _____ Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk