



MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

December 9, 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: Geraldine Campos, Tony Campos, Eddie Carrick, CPA, Laurie Cone, Harvey Harman, Charity Johnson, Library Director, Todd Lowder, Asst. Public Works Director, Harriet Moulder, Mary Joan Pugh, Piedmont Recreational Director, Amber Skeen, Heart of Carolina Tourism Development

25-49 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence/Prayer

25-50 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.

25-51 OLD BUSINESS

Auditor Eddie Carrick presented the Fiscal Year 23-24 Audit to the Board. He stated the General Fund was in great condition, but the water and sewer Enterprise was less so primarily because of the age of the equipment and the high cost of the purchased water. The Board discussed the increased borrowing limit, and the Asset Inventory Assessment studies currently being done for the Town. Both will show an improvement for the next Fiscal Year. Mr. Carrick discussed the State worksheet for the audit and the two items requiring responses to the Local Government Commission. The first is the net operating loss for the Water/Sewer Fund. Finance Officer O'Brien was directed to send a letter in response to the LGC and list the factors that led up to the loss and a corrective plan for the Fund. Some of the factors were the emergency replacement of a 12-inch team valve in the Clark Street tank at a cost of more than \$40,000.00,

as well as the high cost of buying the treated water. The other item needing response was the capitol assets condition ratio of .47. The lowest operating ratio not needing explanation is .50. This is due to the age of the system. The Ogles Creek pump station replacement will make a significant impact on this ratio. Mr. Carrick stated he would be happy to review the response before it is sent to the LGC and signed by the Commissioners. He discussed the difficulty of following all the statues and filing all the reports required of a Finance Officer.

Mary Joan Pugh, with the Piedmont Triad Trails Association, gave an update on the progress of the Bush Creek Bridge. The plans have been approved and the bridge construction project is ready to bid. She discussed the history of the project from the initial State Trail grants and the \$1 million grant from Randolph County for the trail system to the partnership with the Piedmont Land Conservancy. The pre bid meeting will be on site on January 7th and bids will be opened on January 16th. The costs are expected to be \$554, 000 for the Bush Creek Bridge and in comparison, the cost of the Sandy Creek Bridge was expected to be \$525,000.00.

January 1st is the first day of the Trails Annual Walk and will kick off at the West end of the park at 2:00pm. The hike is approximately 3.5 miles round trip, and the .75 Faith Rock Trail hike is optional. The Commissioners thanked Ms. Pugh for all her hard work procuring the easements and dealing with the State and the engineers.

Commissioner Farias asked the Board to consider what the rent should be for the former Town Hall space within the Restaurant/Library building. General discussion reference the lack of separate restrooms from the restaurant and the square footage and possible uses for the building. He asked the Board members to consider what they would like to do with the space and a possible cost and perhaps discuss it further at the January meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to decide on a price and either sell the building or rent the old Town Hall space. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

25-52 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the financial report. She discussed the new format of the monthly financial report for the Commissioner's packets. These reports are separated by General Fund and investments and Enterprise funds. The font is larger, the spacing is better, and should make it easier for the Commissioners to read.

Finance Officer O'Brien discussed the final ARP ordinance for the allocation of the funding from the ARP Fund. The full Board voted on the final allocations at last month's meeting. See attached.

Commissioner Whatley motion to approve the ordinance directing the expenditure of the ARP Funds. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted unanimously.

25-53 PLANNING AND ZONING

Commissioner Whatley and Public Works Director Allred discussed the possible development of the property located behind the Kubota property on Highway 64. The possible new owner has reached out to Planning and Zoning about an extension of water and sewer lines to the property. He has met with Mr. Allred and Mr. Allred has talked with him about the costs and a possible right of way (easement) to the Town and Country Mobile Home Park across his

property. The Mobile Home Park is currently on Wells and Septic and will need the Town services in the future. General discussion reference financing and possible Economic Development Council funding for the project. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to allow Mr. Allred to talk with the engineer, Bill Lester of LKC, about the possible water/sewer extension. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

25-54 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the question of employing the contractor for code enforcement for the Town. Mr. Emory of Alliance Code Enforcement made a presentation to the Board at the November meeting and Commissioner Farias asked if the rest of the Board considered hiring the company or continuing with the Town offices handling the responsibility. General discussion reference the cost and the services that could be provided. Consensus to consider adjusting the budget for the next Fiscal Year to incorporate the services of a code enforcement contractor.

25-55 PUBLIC SERVICES

Mayor Hurley directed the Commissioners to the reports contained in their packets for the Library and the Parents as Partners Program. Commissioner Whatley discussed the lift the County and The County Library Director, Ross Holt had priced for the Franklinville Library. The costs came out to be approximately the same as adding an elevator. Both of which were cost prohibitive for the library. He also discussed the Architect for the library project will be finishing the project design and projected cost soon.

25-56 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Allred discussed the AIA Surveys. These are Asset Inventory Assessments for both the water and sewer systems and are expected to be finished soon. Director Allred discussed the Ogles Creek Pump station replacement project. He and the County are moving forward with the replacement project. Director Allred discussed the recent jetting of lines done by his department and the repairs necessary to the box at the sewer treatment plant. He discussed the expansion of lines for the property behind Kubota on Highway 64 and estimated time and construction. Mr. Allred also discussed the installation of a new water tap on Faith Rock Road for new construction and presented a cost estimate for three lots on York Lane to have a water service extension. See attached. The cost will be prohibitive for only three housing units and require engineering. Director Allred discussed the Christmas lighting installation and asked to add more lights for next year's budget, to match the electrical connections already installed. Director Allred discussed the hiring of part-time employee Michael Roe to a full-time position within his department. He stated Mr. Roe had done a great job and he would like to have him as a full-time employee. The funds were allocated for a full-time employee in the last Fiscal Year budget. He has asked him to become full-time with benefits on January 1st. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to hire Michael Roe full-time. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

General discussion reference the Restaurant door will need repair/ replace soon, as the door is worn out from use.

25-57 MAYOR'S COMMENTS

General discussion of the December 7th Christmas Parade, bike giveaway and tree lighting. The caroling was nice and the tree lighting was successful. 24 or 25 bikes were given away to local children. Mayor Hurley and the Franklinville Baptist Church supplied the extra 5 or 6 bikes need for all the attending children to receive one.

**Commissioner Faris, Motion to Adjourn.
Seconded By Commissioner Hurley.**

8:32 pm Adjourned.

Holiday Reception followed.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor A.C. Hurley

(seal) _____ Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk