

MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

April 14, 2025

ATTENDEES: Mayor A.C. Hurley, Mayor Pro-Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Mac Whatley Finance Officer/Town Clerk-Beverly O'Brien Utility Clerk-Christie Gunter Public Works Director-Arnold Allred

GUESTS: Laurie Cone, Perry Conner, Harvey Harman, Living Well Development, Amber Skeen, RC Tourism Development Authority

25-89 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance Moment of Silence/Prayer

25-90 CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hurley opened the consent agenda. Commissioner Whatley motion to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, 3 ayes.

25-91 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien presented the financial report. She presented the proposed budget agreed on by the Budget Committee. Public Works Director Allred asked about several changes to Water Gross Salary, the Powell Bill budget and sewer utilities. Finance Officer O'Brien agreed to make the changes, as a few were actually overlooked from the Budget Meeting. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to adopt the new 24-25 budget with the approved changes and hold a public hearing at the meeting on June 14th. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, 3 ayes.** Ms. O'Brien presented the proposed rate changes to the Commissioners for the Fiscal 2025-2026 Year. See included. The AIA reports should guide the rate structure for the Water and Sewer funds, but some fees such as Zoning Compliance or ABC permits have not been adjusted in more than 10 years. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn, motion to accept the rate changes for next year. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, 3 ayes.

25-92 PLANNING and ZONING

Commissioner Whatley discussed the business park on Highway 64 owned originally by Ken McDowell. The area includes the Kubota dealership and rental and the Sunbelt equipment rental as well as Allred's Rod Shop and the new businesses coming in on the back of the property. Commissioner Whatley is concerned because we have no road maintenance agreement for the property. Our water and sewer lines run along the roadway but there is not an agreement in place for the upkeep of the roadways. Commissioner Whatley suggests we retain the road maintenance and turn the mileage into the Powell Bill for Town road mileage. He asked Clerk O'Brien to discuss the possibility with Ken McDowell and report back to the Board. General discussion reference the benefits and negatives of accepting the road maintenance for the Town.

25-93 PUBLIC SAFETY

General discussion of a residence housing multiple snakes on Sunrise Avenue. Commissioner Farias will try to find out more and report back at the next Board Meeting. The Fire Department needs to be aware of the location for their own safety as well as the neighborhood.

25-94 PUBLIC SERVICES

Mayor Hurley directed the Commissioners to the reports contained in their packets for the Library and the Parents as Partners Program. See attached.

25-95 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Allred discussed his meeting on the 18th with LKC Engineering, the engineers on the AIA projects, for a progress report on those water and sewer mapping projects. They estimate they are 4-5 weeks from completion. Director Allred also showed photos of the Ogles Creek Pump Station Project. He also discussed a splitter box for the project that may need replacement. He has recently replaced a gearbox at the clarifier and says the other gearbox is 2-3 weeks from shipping. These are essential components of the Waste Treatment Plant, and the two gear boxes and chains are over 20 years old. The replacement costs are estimated to be \$6,763.73. Director Allred discussed the County and the water line from Asheboro (section 2) and said the Wooten Engineering Firm is starting the project. Director Allred discussed the cleaning of the Providence School tank while the school term was out for Spring break, and the Clark Street tank repairs to the mixer unit. He discussed the 811 locates the department has completed and the work at the Otus Thomas Ballfield that has been completed. Mr. Allred also discussed the groundbreaking for the Bush Creek Bridge project and the rail trail extension toward Cedar Falls. The Groundbreaking will be on April 25th at 3:00pm.

25-96 VISITORS COMMENTS

Perry Conner requested to meet at the East side of the park on the morning of April 19th for the area April Litter Sweep. This usually takes a couple of hours and Mr. Conner will pick up the garbage bags from the DOT offices. Harvey Harman asked if there was any progress on the extension of sewer lines north on Allred Street. The Board had previously voted for an extension to Clark Avenue. There has not been sufficient interest from the residents, but he suggested he meet with the Clerk to determine how to reach these citizens and gauge their responses.

Commissioner Mac Whatley, Motion to Adjourn. Seconded By Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. 8:10 pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

 Mayor A.C. Hurley

(seal) _____Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk