



MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

July 14, 2025

ATTENDEES: Mayor A.C. Hurley, Mayor Pro Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, Commissioner Billy Farias, 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, Stephen Hammer, Ben Harman, Living Well Development, Harriet Moulder, Sara Nieblas, Mickey Seoane, Shellie Siskin

26-01 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/Prayer

26-02 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.**

26-03 OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Farias discussed the contract with the County Sheriff's Department. The Department has increased the hourly fees to \$40.00 per hour for the Deputies from \$30.00 . This covers the Deputy, vehicle and insurance. General discussion reference the hours and scheduling of the Deputies for maximum benefit to the town and protection of the park and trails. **Commissioner Farias, motion to approve the contract with the Sheriff's Department for the \$40.00 per hour amount. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley, Motion adopted, 4 Ayes, Commissioner Brandon Hurley nay vote.**

26-04 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien presented the financial report and discussed the final budget amendments submitted to the Board. She has completed the Unexpected Revenue amendments and included them in the Commissioner's packets but has not finished the expense amendments. She will finish those and submit them to the Commissioners this week. Revenues were up for both the General Fund and the Water Fund. The general fund revenues reflected positive sales taxes this year and we cannot always count on that for the coming year. The water fund reflected additional water accounts added through growth of the system.

She discussed the up-coming audit. The Auditor has requested to do the field work in office September 8th and 9th. This is in line with prior years and will be fine. Additional audit work will be required because of the ARP Funding (American Recovery Program). These are Federal Funds and necessitate a different audit. General discussion reference the difficulty of State and Federal audits. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn thanked Finance Officer O'Brien for her hard work.

26-05 PLANNING and ZONING

Commissioner Whatley discussed the walk through of the new trail addition that Mary Joan Pugh will do with Public Works Director Allred and Randolph County Representatives and a State Trail planner on July 22nd. They are planning the drainage and further work on the Trail. Commissioner Whatley discussed the need for picnic tables alongside the area near the new bridge and the restroom trailer rehab before the trail opening. There is currently room for 25 cars at the parking area at the trailhead. The bridge railings should be installed soon, as well. Town Clerk O'Brien discussed a request by resident Robert Osbourne to allow a gate in the fence that will boundary his property and the new greenway. Mr. Osbourne had presented a business plan that would allow for the rental of bikes for use on the greenway. See attached information. General discussion reference a walk gate to allow access from his rear yard to the greenway. Commissioners discussed a walk gate only, not a double gate, so that cars or vehicles could not be driven through the greenway trail. Commissioner Whatley agreed the bike rental plan is exactly what the town would like to see near the trailhead and parking area. As the project nears the fencing stage, the Town will discuss with Mr. Osbourne the installation of the gate.

Commissioner Whatley discussed a recent meeting he and Director Allred attended with the Officers of Sapona Manufacturing. (Universal Fibers) Sapona is having issues with the wells they use for cooling the building for the manufacture of their products. Commissioner Whatley presented a letter he has written to Kevin Franklin, Director of the Randolph County Economic Development Corp. See attached letter. The Sapona executives need options for a new water supply. Every day the plant does not have enough water for the cooling lines and has to shut down costs them \$80,000.00. Commissioner Whatley discussed the possibilities of the project and Director Allred discussed the possible costs. See attached proposals. Commissioner Whatley and the Board will pursue a project to extend water to the plant through the EDC and the County. Commissioner Farias asked if the cost of tying into Asheboro would be covered by Asheboro, The plant or the County?

26-06 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the Code Enforcement contract with Alliance Code Enforcement. The company has agreed to rewrite the contract for greater control by the Board of Commissioners. It will be a complaint driven process with the Commissioners deciding on the actions of the Code Enforcement Personnel. General discussion reference the possible actions of code enforcement for the town. **Commissioner Farias, motion to accept the contract. Commissioner Goodwin, Point of Personal Privilege to speak**, discussed the positive outcomes in property values and quality of life with code enforcement in town. **Commissioner Goodwin, seconded. Motion adopted. 4Ayes, Commissioner Brandon Hurley Nay.**

26-07 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.

26-08 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Allred discussed the AIA project with LKC engineering. He has met with the engineers monthly and the project is nearing completion. Director Allred discussed the project at the Ogles Creek pumping station and the splitter box costs that will be covered by the grant from the County. The new , up-graded splitter box will add roughly \$70,000.00 to the project. The contractor is currently waiting on the parts. The Public Works Department responded to a line break on Highway 64 on Saturday morning, July 12th. The area water/sewer Departments responded to help fix the large line. Liberty supplied personnel, a track hoe and rock, and the Ramseur Dept offered assistance as well. The Ramseur Mayor offered anything we might need. Commissioner Farias supplied water, seats, and shade for the workers and the line was repaired by early afternoon. The water line extension from Asheboro along Highway 64 has been issued the permits to proceed and construction is expected to take 6 months to a year. The nearest valve connection for Franklinville will be at Jones Street Extension and Franklinville will have to pay for the valve. The proposed valve placement at Loflin Pond road was going to cost \$300,000- \$400,00. This cost and engineering will need to be done as the project progresses. The Mayor directed the Clerk to send Thank yous to Liberty and Ramseur for their assistance with the leak. Commissioner Whatley discussed the necessity of planning ahead for the water projects and securing funding for the expansion.

Commissioner Farias, discussed the heat and our Public Works Department working in the sun and heat most days. He has seen other towns with the mowers having shade covers for the operators. He researched possible covers and found John Deere covers for approximately \$1,000.00 for the two Ztrac mowers. He also found similar units for \$279.00 each at Amazon. **Commissioner Farias, motion to purchase two shade covers for the ztrac mowers from Amazon. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-09 VISITORS COMMENTS

The Folk School at Living Well will hold a workshop on Saturday the 19th of July and the Commissioners and community are invited to lunch.

**Commissioner Farias, Motion to Adjourn.
Seconded By Commissioner Mac Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

8:40 pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Mayor A.C. Hurley

(seal) _____ Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk