



MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

August 11, 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: Jackson Allred, Laurie Cone, Perry Conner, Adam Deathe, Stephen Hammer, Ben Harman, Harvey Harman, Lee Hockmuth, Patricia Kirkman, Phillip Kirkman, Robert Osborne, KC Osborne, Mary Joan Pugh, Mark Riggleman, Manuel Roberts, Amber Scarlett, Mickey Seoane, Shelley Siskin, Brooke Thomas

26-10 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence/Prayer

26-11 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.**

26-12 OLD BUSINESS

Mary Joan Pugh with the Piedmont Trail Association discussed the Bush Creek Bridge and the progress of the project. The railings will be installed soon, and she is planning for a Ribbon Cutting on Thursday, October 16 And a preview for the local State Legislators and County Commissioners before the 16th. The Great Trails Day is September 18th. Mayor A.C. Hurley asked for any comments on the new trail and bridge under construction. General discussion reference the improvements and the construction of the bridge from Franklinville park to the Sapona plant (universal Fibers). Laurie Cone , Infinite Way, spoke on the natural beauty of the area and the walkability of the 1st and 2nd phase of the greenway trail. Perry Conner, West Main Street, added that the trail was a real treasure to the town and the townspeople. Mayor Hurley discussed the positive responses from townspeople he had talked with lately. General discussion reference timeline and projects needed for completion of the trail.

Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to draft a letter of support and maintenance commitment to the Trail Project. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.

26-13 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien presented the financial report and discussed the final budget amendments submitted to the Board. She discussed the up-coming audit. The Auditor will be in the office to start the field work September 8th before the next Board meeting. These are Federal Funds and necessitate a different audit. She has prepared an ordinance for the Board to review that will close out the ARP Fund for the Town. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to pass the resolution for closeout of the ARPA Fund account. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-14 PLANNING and ZONING

Commissioner Whatley discussed the need for a Planning Board meeting and perhaps the full Board to meet and plan for future development and strategic projects for the Town. The last meeting and plans were done around 2019 and are out of date with the recent growth plan for the County.

26-15 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the Code Enforcement contract with Alliance Code Enforcement. Several members of the audience asked to speak and discuss the recent notices they had received about Code violations on their properties. Phillip and Patricia Kirkman of 413 Parks Street discussed their shock and anger at receiving a code violation notice. They have been residents of the Town for many years and had never received a notice or warning. They discussed being on a corner large lot with a maple tree to block the view of the violations. General discussion reference the notice versus a citation or fine. The Town does not intend to place any fines unless they have to and the violations are civil violations not criminal violations. General discussion reference the fairness of the notifications and whether the company, ACE Code Enforcement, is properly following the contract. Manuel Roberts of 144 Holly Street asked if the Commissioners would receive notices for their properties. The answer from Commissioner Farias is no property is immune. Commissioner Brandon Hurley requested the Town to go back to writing letters for violators because some people were old, or sick, and not wealthy enough to keep their property clear. He suggested the Commissioners offer to clean the properties for them or help them. Town Clerk O'Brien stated the letters from the Town had not worked over the years and perhaps that was why an outside contractor was necessary. General discussion reference the priorities for the Code enforcement inspector.

There were three priorities for the first inspections.

1. Visible from the street and affecting the street view of the properties. 2. Affecting neighboring properties both in property value and looks. 3. Affecting the neighborhood with noxious growth, mice, rats, snakes and mosquitos, or smell.

Everyone understands the constraints of weather, either rain or heat on mowing and only properties that clearly were untended were notified. Commissioner Brandon Hurley suggested a return to neighborliness instead of being harsh and offering to help with the clean-up or yard mowing, if needed. Mr. Riggleman, 170 Holly Street, discussed circumstances such as long hours and bad weather that could cause a homeowner to fall behind in maintenance. Commissioner Goodwin discussed damages to lawn equipment caused by neighbors carelessness and throwing out clothesline wire and debris into neighbors yards. Commissioner Farias explained the contract allows for the Board to have the final say on legal action. The company has done the inspections and notified the homeowners but have not added any fines or civil citations without Board approval. They have simply opened cases for review by the Board. Commissioner Brandon Hurley spoke on the need to reword the warning letter for a longer period of time for compliance. The Town ordinance as written only gives 15 days and 30 days is more realistic for some of these properties. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to rewrite the ordinance and the letters for a 30 day grace period. Motion seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

General discussion reference the need for large item pick-up availability for the townspeople. The town had historically offered the service in the Spring and Fall but the Public Works Department no longer has the equipment or personnel for the service. The dump truck is too tall for appliances and large items and the town does not have a claw truck, so the items would have to be lifted by hand. General discussion reference pricing a large dumpster several times a year for citizens use. Discussion on how older residents could access the dumpster. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to check prices and try to find a way for large item pick-up for residents on a regular basis. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Finance Officer O'Brien stated that Hampton Spivey, the Mayor of Ramseur had stopped by the office on Monday with a small plat of an area near the old Cemetery on the corner of Patterson Grove Road and Highway 22. He asked for the Franklinville Board to consider a Right of Way request for a large bore under Patterson Grove Road for the Ramseur Water Treatment Plant repairs. General discussion of the area in question, see attached plat. **Motion by Commissioner Whatley to agree to the ROW for the Ramseur Water Plant improvements. Seconded by Commissioner Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-16 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.

26-17 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Works Director Allred discussed the AIA project with LKC engineering. He has met with the engineers monthly and they recently told him the completion date was allowed to be as late as the end of 2026. The Ogles Creek Pump Station project will have the major electrical panel installed the 1st part of November and hope to complete the pump station installation by the end of December. Director Allred discussed the sewer line extension to Mr. Lngley's property in the Highway 64 business park and the submittal of an erosion control plan. He discussed his departments mowing along the Sewer line right of ways. Mr. Allred also discussed the water line extension along highway 64 between Ramsuer and Asheboro. There have been discussions with Asheboro about the placement of a meter for Franklinville somewhere along the new water line. Director Allred does not expect the valve to be near Foxfire Road but rather further East. He discussed the repairs to the lightening control and messing system for the Providence Grove Water Tank. The tank signals were recently switched to Verizon at some savings and better coverage. Ultimately, he hopes to switch the Clark Street tank to Verizon as well. He has had further discussions with the NC Department of Commerce and the Sapona leadership about the extension of water service to Sapona manufacturing(Universal Fibers). Mr. Allred discussed the recent repair of a large water leak in Academy Street, and the installation of new screenings along the greenway at Sandy Creek.

26-18 VISITORS COMMENTS

Lee Hockmuth with Helping Hands for Seniors discussed the possibility of a community day in the park with vendors and community involvement. She suggested a Spring event as during discussions the disappointing turn out and bad weather for former Fall events was mentioned. She would like for the Town to consider and start planning for a Spring event and fundraiser for community projects. Commissioner Brandon Hurley suggested the resolutions be approved for the road closures of the October 31st Trunk or Treat in the Park and the December 6th Christmas Parade road closures. The resolutions have to be submitted to the NCDOT 60 days in advance for approval. **Motion by Commissioner Farias to approve the resolutions asking for the road closures. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, Unanimously.**

Recognition of visitors Amber Scarlett with the Heart of Carolina Tourism Development Board and Amber introduced Brooke Thomas, a new employee who will be working with the Town in tourism development.

Adam Deathe with the Chamber of Commerce spoke briefly and said he was happy to attend the Board meeting.

Commissioner Whatley, Motion to Adjourn.

Seconded By Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.

8:50 pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor A.C. Hurley

(seal) _____ Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk