



MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

September 8, 2025

ATTENDEES: Mayor A.C. Hurley, Mayor Pro Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner Brandon Hurley, 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, Stephen Hammer, Ben Harman, Harvey Harman, Sara Nieblas, Robert Osborne, Mickey Seoane, Shelley Siskin, Brooke Thomas, Tourism and Development, Richard Underwood

26-19 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/Prayer

26-20 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.**

26-21 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien presented the financial report and discussed revenues versus expenses in the early period of this budget year. She discussed the current audit. The Auditor is in the office to start the field work and will continue on the 9th, as well. She discussed Mary Joan Pugh's request to hold open the date of October 17th at 3:00pm for the official ribbon cutting of the Bush Creek Bridge. She would like to have the ribbon cutting on this day since the NC Great Trails Day is the 18th of October and the walk will be in Franklinville on that day. She also hopes to have a preliminary walk-through for the County Commissioners and Local Legislators prior to the 18th. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to hold the ribbon cutting on October 17th at 3:00pm and the Trail's Walk on October 18th. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-22 PLANNING and ZONING

Commissioner Whatley discussed a letter about maintenance of the trail and support for the trail from the Franklinville Board of Commissioners that Mary Joan Pugh, Trail Coordinator, had requested to submit with her grant application to the State. He also discussed the easement necessary for the Trail from the Randolph Heritage Conservancy. Commissioner Whatley has drafted a temporary agreement for an easement to the Town for the property at the Trailhead. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to hold an Executive Session of the Board to discuss property on September 18th at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, motion adopted, unanimously.** Commissioner Whatley directed the Clerk to advertise the Executive Session.

26-23 PUBLIC SAFETY

Public Works Director Arnold Allred showed pictures of the completed Bush Creek Bridge with the railings installed and discussed the drainage of the trail and the improvements to be added later. Commissioner Faris is out of Town, but the Commissioners discussed signs and regulations for the park areas and the new Trails and directional signs. The trail end needs to be marked at the end of the trail at Sapona's property. They will ask Commissioner Farias when he returns about having the signs done. Commissioner Whatley suggested the new trail area be developed with a plan to add picnic tables and benches. He suggested the Town appoint a committee to suggest placement of the signs, benches and tables along the new trail section and trailhead. Mayor Pro Tem Dunn suggested Perry Conner to head the committee if he agreed. Mr. Conner agreed, if he had several other community members. General discussion reference the number of committee members. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn to appoint Former Mayor Perry Conner to head a committee. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley to add- "a 10-person committee named by Perry Conner."**
Motion adopted, unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Dunn thanked Perry Conner. Commissioner Goodwin remarked on the frequent use of the park and shelter for community events this year. Town Clerk O'Brien discussed the car break ins in Town and Commissioner Whatley discussed vandalism to the mill. Public Works Director Allred discussed the vandalism in the park over the weekend. A story book trail sign was torn up from concrete and thrown in the river. The Public Works Department has reinstalled it with minimal repairs.

26-24 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.

26-25 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Allred discussed progress of the AIA projects with LKC engineering. He has met with the engineers monthly. Mr. Allred also discussed the water line extension along Highway 64 between Ramseur and Asheboro. There have been discussions with Asheboro about the placement of a meter vault, meter, and backflow preventer for Franklinville along the new water line. The latest agreement is for the vault and meter to be placed near Highway 64 East at the Jones Street Extension intersection. He has met with the company doing the bore for the project. The latest estimate is a cost to the Town of \$200,000.00. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to have the Town contract with the engineers already on the project, LKC Engineering, to engineer the vault. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Mr. Allred discussed the ramped-up testing required by the switch to Chloramine from Chlorine and the extra testing per week that will be required. The Highway 64 line is expected to be completed in January 2026. Commissioner Whatley and Director Allred have had further discussions with the NC Department of Commerce and the Sapona leadership about the extension of water service to Sapona Manufacturing (Universal Fibers). He is to meet with the leadership to develop a timetable for the project and the placement of a vault for that project at the Highway 22 North and Clark Street area. Director Allred also expects the final Bridge Construction inspection on Friday at 9:30am.

26-26 VISITORS COMMENTS

Perry Conner asked if there were discussions of additional meters at other points along Highway 64, perhaps at Andrew Hunter Road and Grantville Lane? Commissioner Whatley and Director Allred replied that there were hopeful discussions about placements for future connections along the 64 Highway.

Commissioner Whatley, Motion to Adjourn.

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

8:10 pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor A.C. Hurley

(seal) _____ Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk