



**MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING**

**November 10, 2025**

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

GUESTS: Laurie Cone, Ben Harman, Harvey Harman, Robert Osborne, Mary Joan Pugh, Piedmont Trails Association, Shelley Siskin, Brooke Thomas, Tourism and Development,

**26-35 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Moment of Silence/Prayer

**26-36 CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Hurley opened the consent agenda. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Farias, Motion adopted, unanimously.**

**26-37 OLD BUSINESS**

Mary Joan Pugh spoke about the Rail Trail extension towards Cedar Falls and the grant application she is filing for the funding to finish the trail and build the trail head. The original grant was for \$860,000 and a little more, but the Bridge without the trail ultimately cost \$987,000. The County and the State Trail Association finished the section. There were three options for funding and she suggested option Three. She asked the Board to commit to sending a letter of support for the project as well as accepting the on-going maintenance of the project. **Commissioner Goodwin, motion to send a letter of support and agree Option 3 is what the Town Board prefers. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn. Motion adopted unanimously.**

Ms. Pugh discussed the State "Day Outdoors" and will hold the first organized walk of the year for Franklinville on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Commissioner Farias discussed the necessary repairs to the HVAC system at 163 W Main Street in the Old Town Hall space. He had obtained multiple quotes over the past few months and the lowest one was presented by Dale's Heating and Air from Asheboro. The unit has a hole in the evaporator coil and a faulty valve. The unit has not functioned and the space cannot be rented without the repairs. The low bid is \$3500 with a one year warranty. **Motion by Farias to accept the bid for repairs. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted unanimously.**

### **26-38 ADMINISTRATION REPORT**

Finance Officer O'Brien presented the financial report and discussed the costs involved in the water expansion along Highway 64. The new vault for service will require approximately \$25,000 and the two access tees for future use will be \$88,000.00. These will require approval from the Local Government Association for the financing and an engineers report for applying for the financing from The NC Dept. of Water Quality or the USDA. We will have to set up a fund for the General fund to "loan" the water fund the money with interest. We cannot use general fund monies for the water expansion without a loan agreement.

**Mayor Pro Tem Dunn, motion to accept the Administration report. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, motion adopted. Unanimously.**

### **26-39 PLANNING and ZONING**

Commissioner Whatley discussed the possible acquisition of a 12 foot wide section of the Aldridge property That abuts the greenway near the trailhead. JEM Marketing has bought the house and has agreed to negotiate for that narrow strip along the Greenway to be sold. The property was part of the old railway.

**Commissioner Whatley, motion to purchase the property from Jem Marketing at \$5,000. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn.**

**Commissioner Farias, Point of Personal Privilege, Does the Greenway need more width?**

**Commissioner Whatley responded there is an old concrete obstruction in the trail that would be easier and safer to go around with a few more feet in width.**

**Motion adopted, unanimously.**

### **26-40 PUBLIC SAFETY**

Commissioner Farias discussed the Public Safety Officers. He has scheduled the part-time officers for the appropriate up-coming Town events.

### **26-41 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. Commissioner Whatley discussed the passing of Ellen Greer, The Towns appointee to the Library Board. She passed about two weeks ago. She was a strong advocate for education and the Library and will be sorely missed. General discussion reference the County meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup> that is expected to reconfigure the County Library Board. Any Town appointments will wait until after this meeting.

### **26-42 PUBLIC UTILITIES**

Director Allred discussed A Duke Energy Program offered to the Town for LED energy efficient lighting. This is partially paid by a federal/State efficiency grant. Duke has analyzed the buildings and has quoted an upgrade for the Library of \$1934.51 but the final cost after the grant will be \$678.37.

The Maintenance Building was quoted as \$1200. But with the grant, the cost lowers to \$719.00. These upgrades will lower the utility costs for the Town. The Town Hall is already energy efficient and too new to qualify for the upgrade grants. He also discussed the sewer plant upgrade project. He referenced his meter sheet with the inspections and checks they had completed. Director Allred discussed the 64 Vault project and the possibility of moving the vault to the property at K&L Western, owned by Ken McDowell. The costs has been prohibitive on the other corner and the Engineering firm will look at alternative designs for the vault area that may require less land purchase. The project will try to be finalized in the very near future. The Ogles

Creek pump station project is nearing completion with an approximate date of the end of November. The transformers delivery is the only hold up on the complete operation of the pump station.

**26-43 NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Farias discussed the Tree lighting and bike giveaway for the 6<sup>th</sup> of December, the evening of the parade at 5:00 pm. He suggested since we had distributed flyers requesting donated bikes for the needy children, the Town should purchase some for the bikes, as well. General discussion reference the donation from the Town. **Commissioner Farias Motion for the Town to purchase 5 bikes for the event. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Commissioner Farias discussed necessary repairs to the kitchen area of the Diner. The wall between the dining area and the kitchen is in disrepair and the County Health inspector wants the removal and replacement of the wallboard and the area behind the coffee station and the commercial sink. One cost estimate received from Wes King, Elite Renovations is \$6500 and may be done over the Christmas Holiday while the Diner is closed. Another estimate is from Tim Sheron Construction for \$9,000. General discussion reference the cost estimate and obtaining other quotes. The Board decided to table the issue until other quotes could be obtained.

Commissioner Whatley discussed an offer from Tammy Green on Faith Rock Road to sell property to the Town. This area has been discussed before and she was not willing at that time. See attached plat.

Commissioner Whatley suggested an area plan for the future of the Faith Rock Park. Commissioner Farias thanked Robert Osborne for his efforts in planning a community dinner and would like to consider it when we had more time for planning before the Holiday.

\_General discussion reference the success of the of the Trunk or Treat event and the attendance this year. Kelly Wicker has previously used his tractor and trailer for the hayrides, and the Town has donated \$200 to cover fuel.

**Commissioner Farias, motion to reimburse Kelly Wicker \$300 for the hayrides he provided for the event this year. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

**Commissioner Farias, Motion to Adjourn.**

**Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

**8:45 pm Adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mayor A.C. Hurley

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Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk