



MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

December 8, 2025

ATTENDEES: Mayor A.C. Hurley, Mayor Elect Ben Harman, Mayor Pro Tem Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner Billy Farias, Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Mac Whatley, Commissioner Elect Sara Nieblas

Finance Officer/Town Clerk-Beverly O'Brien

Public Works Director-Arnold Allred

Utility Clerk- Christie Gunter

GUESTS: Sharon Doyle, Steve Doyle, Traci Farias, Kayly Faris, Jackson Eoute, Kara Jo Harman, Seraphina Harman, Kit Harman, Mario Norris, Gary Norris, Desiree Peddycord, Benjamin Peddycord, Brooke Thomas

26-44 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of Silence/Prayer

26-45 CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Hurley opened the consent agenda. **Mayor Pro Tem Dunn, motion to accept the consent agenda. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-46 PRESENTATION OF APPRECIATION AWARDS

Mayor Pro Tem Dunn presented and read the Appreciation plaque to Mayor A.C. Hurley for 32 years of dedicated service to the Town leadership. He served as a commissioner for 28 years and Mayor for 4 years. Mayor Hurley thanked the Commissioners and townspeople in attendance. Commissioner Brandon Hurley was unable to attend, and his plaque was presented to A.C. Hurley.

26-47 OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner Farias discussed the three bids he had procured for the water damage repairs at the Diner. Extensive sheetrock repairs, wallboard, and framing repairs were needed to meet code for the health department. He received three bids of \$9,000, \$7,650, and \$6,500. The work needed to be completed while the Diner is closed for the holidays. The Board chose the low bid of \$6,500 from Wes and Sons Elite Renovations.

Commissioner Farias, motion to award the project to Wes and Sons. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.

26-48 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien presented the financial report and discussed the auditor's report for the next Board Meeting. The recent water disruptions caused by the contractors for Duke Energy have caused the Water Line Maintenance to be unbalanced. While repayment is expected, it could, and often does, take months. She requested to make a Budget Amendment for the line item of Water Line Maintenance to adjust for the emergency repairs. Currently, the line item is \$6,356.53 over the budget. She asked to move enough funds to possibly cover more expected damages and bills that have not been presented yet. **Commissioner Whatley, motion to allow a budget amendment for this purpose. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Dunn, Motion adopted, unanimously.**

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

26-49 PLANNING and ZONING

Commissioner Whatley discussed the two zoning applications received for subdivisions of property. One approved on Highway 64 in a commercial zone. The other application is pending, and the Planning Committee will set up a January meeting soon.

26-50 PUBLIC SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the Public Safety Officers. He has scheduled the part-time officers for the month of January. Farias discussed two apps for phones the local citizens can use to keep up with local crimes or wanted felons. One is "Crime Radar" and the other is "Snippy."

Mayor Hurley discussed the recent certifications of the Franklinville Fire Department in Heavy Rescue, Water Rescue and Trench Safety. He suggests the Town continue to consider a utility vehicle or side by side for the Fire Department to use for incidents or accidents along the Rail Trail, as larger vehicles will be difficult to maneuver and there are few close points of entry.

26-51 PUBLIC SERVICES

Mayor Hurley directed the Commissioners to the reports contained in their packets for the Library and the Parents as Teachers Program. See attached. General discussion reference the County Meeting held on December 6th that is going to reconfigure the County Library Board. Any appointments Franklinville might make are on hold for the next month or two.

26-52 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Allred discussed his meter sheet with the inspections and checks they had completed. The Ogles Creek Pump Station Project is nearing completion with an approximate date of the first of the year, if all the parts come in. The transformers delivery is the only hold up on the complete operation of the pump station. The AIA Contracts will not be finalized until next year. Mr. Allred has met monthly with the Engineering Company, LKC Engineering. He showed pictures of recent major leak repairs and two water meter tap installations on Highway 22 North for new customers. Commissioner Farias mentioned the cold conditions the Public Works Department must work under and discussed the purchase of propane heaters they could use at worksites. **Commissioner Farias proposal to purchase two propane heaters for the Department. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, motion adopted, unanimously.**

Director Allred discussed the installations of two tees along the Asheboro to Chatham water line, and the final bill will probably be \$88,000. This will be billed from the County for their contractor. He discussed the new specs for the Highway 64 vault with a more accurate size and scope of the project from the engineer.

26-53 NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Farias discussed his meetings with Mr. Williamson about the Vault project, as well as his meetings with Mr. McDowell about the property near the possible vault location on Highway 64. Unfortunately, the cost is prohibitive for the McDowell property, but Mr. Williamson is willing to allow for a five-year payment term. He asked for \$10,000. per year for five years, and a larger payment if the Town is financially able to pay more in future years with an earlier payoff. **Commissioner Farias, motion to accept the terms with Mr. Gary Williamson for the vault property. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-54 OATHS OF OFFICE

Town Clerk administered the Oaths of Office to the Mayor Elect, Ben Harman, Commissioner Billy Farias, Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Elect Sara Nieblas, and Mayor Harman administered the Oath for the Town Clerk /Finance Officer Beverly O'Brien.

26-55 MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Harman thanked the attendees and the Commissioners and related a story of a young man he met that chose to use his college break time to come to Franklinville for a class at the Folk School. He discussed how many people find this area unique and the Town can capitalize on its history, and its heartbeat, and personality. He added he is honored to be here and proud to be the new Mayor of Franklinville and looks forward to working with everyone.

A Reception followed.

Commissioner Farias, Motion to Adjourn.

Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.

8:15 pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mayor Ben Harman

(seal)

Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk