



MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

February 9, 2026

ATTENDEES: Mayor Ben Harman, Mayor Pro Tem Billy Farias, Commissioner Priscilla Dunn, Commissioner Richard Goodwin, Commissioner Sara Nieblas, Commissioner Mac Whatley, Finance Officer/Town Clerk-Beverly O'Brien
Public Works Director-Arnold Allred
GUESTS: Laurie Cone, Harvey Harman, Brenda Jones, Robert Osborne, Shelly Siskin, Marco Villanueva, Elizabeth Wood

26-69 7:30 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/Prayer

26-70 CONSENT AGENDA

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

26-71 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

26-72 OLD BUSINESS

General discussion reference erection of a stage in the park for events. Commissioner Whatley had procured a partial stage several years ago that is stored for future use and Mr. Jerry Neal has offered to buy from the Town. Commissioner Whatley wants to keep the stage to be used in the future. Commissioner Goodwin agreed. Commissioner Farias stated he would tell Mr. Neal that the Town was keeping the stage for later use in the park. Commissioner Farias discussed the property along the Greenway the Town has been attempting to purchase from Mr. Robert Osborne. He has met with Mr. Osborne and Mr. Osborne has agreed to the sale of the small footages along the Greenway for \$5,000. Mr. Osborne asked for a few clarifying points and agreed to the sale. General discussion reference using the Strategic Planning Meeting scheduled for the end of the month as a catalyst for attracting grants and tourism. Commissioner Farias discussed the possible rental agreement with the Priddy's of the old Town Hall space. He suggested the Town allow them several months to do the necessary repairs and remodeling for the use of the former Town Hall and thereafter copy the rental agreement for the Diner at \$350.00 per month plus a 3 percent increase each year. He will have a proper rental agreement drafted for the Town. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Farias to allow the Priddy's to rent the diner with those conditions. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-73 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the finance report, see attached. She discussed the need to start the budget process and asked the Commissioners to review their department budgets, as well as Public Works Director Allred, and please have suggestions for next fiscal year into the office by the 1st of March. This allows for the possibility of working them into the budget in a structured way. She will start the first meeting with the revenue forecast for next year. **Commissioner Neiblas, Motion to have the Strategic Planning Meeting on Saturday February 28th. At 9:00am. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-74 PLANNING and ZONING

Commissioner Whatley discussed the recent questions and requests for information received by the Board. No new applications were received this month.

26-75 PUBLIC HEALTH and SAFETY

Commissioner Farias discussed the Public Safety Officers and the scheduling of the officers for the Town. He discussed the officers patrolling the church parking lots to mitigate thefts and the shelter and park areas to avoid vandalism. Commissioner Farias discussed the Code Enforcement efforts in Town and the scheduling of Hearings with the Code Enforcement Officer with the citizens that still have open cases to be resolved. Some are scheduled for tomorrow at the Town Hall Board Meeting room. He also discussed some needed repairs to the Park Shelter and Public Works Director said they can be done in-house by his department. This includes some gutter repairs and general maintenance.

26-76 LIBRARY and COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Commissioners received the reports contained in their packets for the Library and the Parents as Teachers Program. See attached. General discussion reference the Library contract with Randolph County and the County Library Director has asked to speak at the Strategic Planning Meeting on the 28th. Commissioner Goodwin requests to look at the larger debt picture of the Town in reference to the Library. The Mayor responded it was a fair discussion to have and suggested the Planning Meeting would be a good place to begin the discussion.

26-77 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Public Director Allred discussed his meeting with the Mayor and the tour of the water and sewer facilities, including a tour of the Ramseur Water Treatment Plant. He discussed the timeline for the AIA studies with the Sewer AIA expected to be finished in about 30 days and the Water AIA grant soon after. Director Allred discussed the new testing required by the State and Franklinville testing will be used to set the standard for PFA's because we have no industry to raise the PFA levels.

He discussed the bill for the two tees along Highway 64 and the Vault installation at the corner of Jones St. Ext. These items will need to be submitted to the LGC and the possible finance options soon. The Mayor will contact the engineering firm for the County to remind them to provide the paperwork for the LGC. Director Allred discussed the need for a water contract with Asheboro. The Board asked him to start the discussions with Asheboro. He discussed the replacement of the valve on Smith Street.

Director Allred presented his water report and last month's meter repairs and checks. The Commissioners thanked Mr. Allred and his department for the great job of snow removal during the recent storms. Mr. Allred also thanked the Town of Liberty and Joe Walsh for their help with brining the Town streets.

26-78 NEW BUSINESS

General discussion reference the Strategic Planning Meeting to be held on February 28th. At 9:00 am. and discussion of the Litter Sweep usually held in April. This year's events will be from April 11th through the 25th. Mary Joan Pugh usually sets a date for a County wide event.

26-79 MAYORS COMMENTS

The Mayor discussed the Chamber of Commerce Dinner scheduled for March 20th at 5:00pm in Asheboro. And The Town and State Dinner held by the NC League of Municipalities in Greensboro this year. There are several dates around the State. The Greensboro event is a good one and closer to attend. Several Commissioners have either attended previously or are interested in attending.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias, Motion to Adjourn.

Seconded Commissioner Nieblas. Motion adopted, unanimously.

8:16 pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Mayor Ben Harman

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_____ Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk