MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

September 14, 2026

ATTENDEES: Mayor Ben Harman, Mayor Pro Tem Billy Farias, Commissioner Priscilla Dunn, 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, Nancy Harman, Harvey Harman, Pastor Michell Hill, Susan Levine, Robert Osborne, Mickey Seoane, Brooke Thomas, TDA

26-146 7:00 pm: PUBLIC HEARING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/Prayer
Mayor Harman discussed the sanitation fee increase of $1.00 per unit due to the increase in costs to $15.71 per unit. The increase will allow the garbage fee to be $16.00 per unit. General discussion reference rising costs, fuel, disposal fees, etc.
Motion by Commissioner Whatley to call the Public Hearing Closed. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias.
***PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED 7:10 pm*.**

26-147 7:10pm BOARD MEETING Called to ORDER

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Farias to pass the resolution to raise the sanitation fee by $1.00 per month. Seconded by Commissioner Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.

26-148 CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Harman discussed the consent agenda and asked for any questions.
Motion to adopt the consent agenda by Commissioner Whatley. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.

26-149 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Harman opened the Public Comment Period to the attendees. Brooke Thomas with The Tourism Development Authority discussed the upcoming events on September 25th in Franklinville and Ramseur and the listing available on their website. Heartofnc.com. Mayor Harman discussed the first meeting of the Rural Planning-N.C. Commerce Department workgroup. The next meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall on October 19thth at 5:30 pm. The Community and all stakeholders are invited to attend.

26-150 OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Pro Tem Farias discussed the addition of signs at both the new trailhead and the park with more explicit regulations about loitering, weapons, and vandalism. General discussion reference the possible installation of more cameras and Wi-Fi for the trails and the park area. General frustration over damages and behavior in the trail and park areas. Mayor Pro Tem Farias also asked for the Administration Committee to begin formal employee evaluations, and the Board discussed several start dates for the evaluations. General Discussion reference the Calendar of Events for the next few weeks. The Franklinville Littersweep will be held Saturday the 26th of September at 12:00pm at the west end of the park and some will split off to cover the East and Faith Rock trails. October 10th is the 250-Year Celebration at the Park with a movie at 8:00 pm and general discussion reference the activities to be included, such as a scarecrow building contest and demonstrations and games. Discussion reference prizes such as gift certificates and the cost of a large outdoor projection system. Mayor Pro Tem Farias will supply information on the lease or purchase of a projection system. Discussion of a pumpkin pie bake-off as a fundraiser. Commissioner Dunn discussed the water retention problem with the Masonic Lodge and asked for Public Works Director Allred and the Board to address it. The water from the downspouts and gutters of the Diner and Library building are dumping in the small area between the Masonic Lodge and the Diner and causing water under the Lodge. General discussion reference a French drain system or redirection of the water flow in the area. Director Allred will meet with Mayor Pro Tem Farias to discuss the water issue at the Masonic Lodge.

26-151 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the finance report, see attached. She discussed recent fieldwork for the audit, and the launch of the Town App. Revenues are starting to recover from the end of the fiscal year lapse as reflected in the financial report. She discussed with Commissioners the recent receipt of a program offer from the NC Department of Environmental Quality to be included in a program for pre-regulatory landfills. (PRLF). The materials provided discuss the liability and the environmental issues with unregulated or pre regulated landfills. General discussion reference joining the program or not and the local landowners who have also received the program materials. The pre-regulated landfill area was bought by the town in the 70's and is an area where the ballfields are now located. This area was tested before the Sandy Creek Reservoir was built, and the Army Corp of Engineers built the first ballfield. The program requests unlimited access for testing and inspection but also includes adoption of land use prohibitions that would only allow what the NCDEQ allowed for the property. General discussion and decision to develop further information before signing and discuss with the other landowners.

26-152 PLANNING and ZONING

Commissioner Whatley discussed the Friends of the Library plans for an event in October near Halloween. General discussion of planning for the event and the timing of the Ghost (History) Tour Hayride.

26-153 PUBLIC HEALTH and SAFETY

Mayor Pro Tem Farias discussed the recent Deputies calls to the park and parking areas for vagrants.

26-154 LIBRARY and COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Commissioners received the reports contained in their packets for the Library and the Parents as Teachers Program. See attached.

26-155 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Arnold Allred discussed the mowing schedule of his department and the recent AIA Rate Study currently underway by LKC Engineering. Director Allred showed photos of the new trailhead area of the greenway and the parking areas, as well as recent meter tap installations the department has completed. He discussed a meeting this week with the Engineering Firm about the lagoon cleanout at the Sewer Treatment Plant. He presented his meter sheet with the meters that had been attended by the Public Works Department. Director Allred discussed the sealed bid sales of the older equipment trailer and the older Ford tractor. He expects to place both for sealed bid in November. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Farias to approve the sale of the Old Ford Tractor by sealed bid. Seconded by Commissioner Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Director Allred discussed the recent patching/repaving on Wallace Street and Quartz Drive. He has not had an invoice submitted by the contractor yet. He discussed the certification Todd will attend classes for in the next few weeks for State Certification in C Well.

26-1156 NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Harman discussed the recent viewing of a program for grant writing and acquisition. The cost is $7,800 for each year with a two-year contract. The Grant writing help and research are for Federal, State, and Private Foundation Grants and contain a database for applicable grants. General discussion about what is covered under the grant writing and promotion program.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias discussed the ordinances or lack of for short term rentals. He proposed rewriting the ordinances to develop a plan to capitalize on the Bed and Breakfasts and Air B and Bs in the area. Mayor Pro Tem discussed the repairs needed at the new Town Hall to repair cracks in the brick and façade around the windows from aging. He has received two quotes on repairs, and the lowest quote was $5,500.00. **Motion Mayor Pro Tem Farias to hire the contractor for $5,500.00. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

Mayor Pro Tem Farias and Mayor Harman discussed the need for clearer ordinances for the Deputies to enforce. General discussion of best time to meet and for the committee to go through the ordinances and propose changing the language.

26-145 MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Harman discussed the event schedule and the resolutions.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to adjourn.
Motion Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias to adjourn.
8:40 pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____Mayor Ben Harman

(seal)

_____Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk