MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING
August 10, 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: Scott and Holly Bingham, Jenny and Brian Brisendine, Laurie Cone, Harriet Moulder, Robert Osborne, Frances Seoane, Shelly Siskin, Bill Smith, Elizabeth Wood

26-136 7:00 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/Prayer

26-137 CONSENT AGENDA
Mayor Harman discussed the consent agenda and asked for any questions.
Commissioner Whatley, motion to adopt the consent agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.

26-138 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Mayor Harman opened the Public Comment Period to the attendees.
Scott Bingham of 654 Julian Road addressed the Board reference an open storage citation he had received from ACE Code Enforcement. He discussed the issues of uneven enforcement and referenced several other properties with issues, such as the old mill and more obvious code infractions that are on main streets, while his home is located far from the town center. The Commissioners assured him the citation carries no financial penalties unless it is ignored, and the company employee responsible for the citation is available for discussion at any time.

26-139 ADMINISTRATION REPORT
Finance Officer O'Brien gave the finance report, see attached. She discussed the up-coming audit and the need to increase the monthly sanitation fee due to increases from Republic Services. The original budget included a 4% increase but apparently that was not sufficient to cover the increases in fuel and tonnage from the company. The first monthly bill this fiscal year included a total cost of $15.71 per unit. The Commissioners were given copies of the bill in their Board packets. (Included). O'Brien's suggestion is to raise the fees from $15.00 per month to $16.00 per month to cover the cost increase. **Commissioner Dunn, motion to set the sanitation fee at $16.00 and hold a public hearing on the increase next month. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias.** Hariet Moulder of Living Well Development asked to thank the Town and the Public Works

Department for the new town sidewalks at the Diner and Library. It was an incredibly hot week for the work and very much appreciated.

26-140 PLANNING and ZONING

Commissioner Whatley discussed the Friends of the Library plans to hold an event in October near Halloween. This event would be a Ghost Tour with a small fee to go toward the new library. General discussion reference timelines and possible conflicts with the Trunk or Treat event in the park on Saturday October 31st. They have discussed a multi-evening event, but the plans are still fluid. Transportation and parking were discussed. Also discussed was the possibility of posting the Land Development Ordnances and the Unified Development Ordinances online on our website in a searchable format. General discussion of the revisions needed in the Unified Development ordinance. Mayor Harman discussed the need for an ordinance concerning data processing centers. He asked for a committee to look at the Randolph County Ordinance and other local ordinances in an effort to revise the Town's. General discussion reference forming a committee to bring recommendations to the Board for the ordinances. Mayor Pro Tem Farias volunteered, along with Mayor Harman, Commissioner Nieblas, and Commissioner Whatley.

26-141 PUBLIC HEALTH and SAFETY

Mayor Pro Tem Farias discussed the latest up-dates and alerts for offenders. He also discussed the work schedule for the Deputies and the offenses they are aware of in town. He discussed local trespassers in the park and a crew trespassing on his property to look out for 2 men in a truck with Mastec or DMT on the side who are visiting several properties without authorization and have been warned to notify homeowners before accessing their property. Commissioners Goodwin and Nieblas discussed problems with vagrants and teenagers after hours in the park.

26-142 LIBRARY and COMMUNITY SERVICES

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

26-143 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Mayor Harman discussed a recent program he investigated through the Piedmont Triad Regional Council for a low-cost weatherization program for local citizens. The folders will be offered at the Town Hall office and mentioned on the Town's Facebook page.

Director Arnold Allred discussed the mowing schedule of his department and the recent AIA Rate Study currently underway by LKC Engineering. He presented his meter sheet with the meters that had been attended by the Public Works Department. Director Allred also discussed the recent installation of a new 2" meter service along Highway 22 North. His department has also completed thirteen 811 locates and has been working hard on the trailhead and parking lot for the Greenway expansion. General discussion reference steps installation and greenway access. Ramp access for strollers? Paxton Arthurs plans include two access points. Director Allred also discussed a water issue near 216 Sunrise Avenue and the drainage of the area. He discussed DOT roadwork in the area, particularly along Andrew Hunter Road.

26-144 NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Harman discussed the NCDOT State Litter Sweep events to be held in September across the State. General discussion reference scheduling of our Town Event**.** Agreement is to hold the event on Saturday the 26th of September and meet at the west end of the park**.** General discussion reference further planning for the Trunk or Treat event in the park on October 31st. The Friends of the Library suggest a ghost/history tour for two or three nights to raise funds for the library. General discussion reference the timing and logistics of

holding the event at the same time as the Trunk or Treat and the stops or attractions to be included. General discussion reference the closing of the road, Highway 22, and the resolutions for both the Trunk or Treat event and the Christmas Parade to be submitted to the DOT for approval.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Farias to sign both resolutions and submit them to the DOT. Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin, motion adopted, unanimously. Discussion of the Town's 250th event in the Park scheduled for October 10th. A celebration or 2nd Heritage Day Committee was decided on with Mayor Harman, Kara Harman and Commissioner Whatley to work on the planning. Mary Joan Pugh with the Randolph County Trail Association has scheduled the ribbon cutting for the newest section of the Greenway for October 15th. Mrs. Pugh will handle the invitations to the Honorables and State staff, and the TDA has a proclamation of Franklinville as a "Trail Town". Mayor Harman suggested the purchase of gifts or Town branded merchandise to handout at the event in honor of the Trail Town designation. General discussion reference bags, challenge coins, water bottles, etc. The Board agreed to a budget of $500.00 for the event gifts and preparations.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley and seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias to budget $500.00 for the event. Motion adopted, unanimously.

26-145 MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Harman discussed his recent meeting with the Economic Director for Senator Tillis' office and his offer to have Senator Tillis write a letter of support for the Town.

Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Farias to adjourn.
Motion Seconded by Commissioner Goodwin.
8:10pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____Mayor Ben Harman

(seal)

_____Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk