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MINUTES OF FRANKLINVILLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

July 13, 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
Utility Clerk-Christie Gunter
Public Works Director-Arnold Allred
GUESTS: Commissioner David Allen, Deb Andrews, Samantha Baker United Way, Perry Conner, Laurie Cone, Charity Johnson, Robert Osborne, Shelly Siskin, Brooke Thomas, Carmen Wood

26-124 7:00 pm: MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Pledge of Allegiance
Moment of Silence/Prayer

26-125 CONSENT AGENDA

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

26-126 UNITED WAY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Samantha Baker gave a presentation on the United Way's ALICE program. Asset, Limited Income Constrained, Employed. This program is available to help individuals and households reach the resources they need to survive and prosper. Many ALICE households work in jobs essential to the community, but they earn too much to qualify for many assistance programs but not enough to consistently afford basic necessities. Most are only one unscheduled debt or medical emergency from real hardship. Ms. Baker presented a fact sheet of relevant income and cost analysis for Randolph County and for Franklinville. See included. She discussed the 211 program in Randolph County that helps community members connect with resources they may need. She addressed the most likely needs for Franklinville are food resources and shelter.

26-127 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mayor Harman opened the Public Comment Period to the attendees.
Mickey Seoane suggested the use of the new trail for running clubs and events to bring in people to Franklinville. She suggested a time frame in the Fall after the new section is opened. Perhaps an October or November time frame. General discussion reference the establishment of some outreach to local clubs and school groups.

Mayor Pro Tem Farias discussed the quotes he had received for the replacement of the HVAC unit at the old town hall. It could not be repaired any longer and he had got quotes on replacements. The lowest quote was from Direct Refrigeration and Air Systems for $7,127.92. He is a local businessman on Pine Street. General discussion reference the HVAC system and warranties. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Farias to accept the lowest bid of $7127.92 from Direct Refrigeration and Air Solutions for the old town hall. Seconded by Commissioner Dunn. Motion adopted, unanimously.** Mayor Pro Tem Farias asked if he should follow up with getting the last of the repairs done to the Diner floor where the damage was done due to the support posts sinking. It has been repaired; however, this has left the flooring cracked and unequal. General discussion reference repairing the flooring. Commissioner Goodwin discussed the need to reimburse some of the town's people for the July 5th event and the food and material costs. Some have used a great deal of money for the free event for the Town. He asked if the Town could repay them for some amount, with a receipt of course. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to repay up to $200.00 in compensation for the expenses for food, water, chips, etc. with a receipt. Seconded by Commissioner Nieblas. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-129 ADMINISTRATION REPORT

Finance Officer O'Brien gave the finance report, see attached. She discussed the up-coming Federal review of the AIA Grants on July 28th, and the yearly state audit will begin with the fieldwork in office on September 9th and 10th. O'Brien asked permission to finish the Budget amendments for 25-26 and present them to the Board at the next meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Dunn to allow the Finance Officer to make the budget amendments and present them in the Board packet before the next meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-130 PLANNING and ZONING

Commissioner Whatley discussed the Preservation, NC meeting to be held in the Fall and the sponsorship the Town agreed to. He discussed the logo for the town and the placement of the sponsorship in the event materials. Commissioner Whatley also discussed the trail head and the crossing for the new section of the greenway crossing Andrew Hunter Road. Mary Joan Pugh and Paxton Arthur met with the DOT representatives about the Andrew Hunter Road crossing. Commissioner Whatley discussed the need for a topography study of the proposed site for the new Library. General discussion reference the need for the study at this time. **Motion by Commissioner Goodwin to allow Commissioner Whatley to price a topography study for the site and report back to the Board. Seconded by Commissioner Dunn. Mayor Pro Tem Farias, Point of Personal Privilege, to add "with no expense right now". Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-131 PUBLIC HEALTH and SAFETY

Mayor Pro Tem Farias discussed the recent theft from the park shelter after the July 5th event. An easy-up canopy and a misting fan were stolen while the Mayor had taken the first load home. General discussion reference cameras and placement to cover the park shelter. General discussion reference ATVs on the ballfield and damage along the sewer line in Ogles Creek.

26-132 LIBRARY and COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Commissioners received the reports contained in their packets for the Library and the Parents as Teachers Program. See attached. The Library Director, Charity Johnson discussed programming for the Summer and Fall at the Library and the number of participants. Commissioner Whatley discussed the appointment of Michael Johnston to the Library Board to represent Franklinville. He thanked Commissioner David Allen for bringing his

nomination to the County Commissioners. The Parent as Teachers report was presented to the Board. See included.

26-133 PUBLIC UTILITIES

Director Arnold Allred discussed the Water Shortage Response Plan for the Town of Franklinville. We are required to have a plan, but since we purchase water from Ramseur, Ramseur must trigger the options of the plan. He also discussed the new rail trail fencing and the work progress on the parking area and trailhead. Director Allred discussed the recent sidewalk work at the diner and library completed by the town Maintenance Department. Director Allred had priced the repairs to Quartz Rd. and Red Rock Rd. for a price of $17,800.00 from Waugh Paving. These would be Powell funds, as the Town had added those streets within the past two years. **Motion by Mayor Pro Tem Farias to proceed with the repairs to those two roads. Seconded by Commissioner Whatley. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-134 NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Harman discussed applying for another grant from the Tourism Development Authority for the next event for the America's 250th Anniversary to be held October 10th. Signage, promotion, etc. **Commissioner Goodwin, motion to apply for the grant. Seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Farias. Motion adopted, unanimously.**

26-123 MAYORS COMMENTS

Mayor Harman discussed the next 250th year celebration to be held in October. He discussed the recent acquisition of property along the new greenway from Mr. Avery Miller, who generously donated the property to the Town for a portion of the Greenway. Mr. Miller is a frequent user of the park and greenway and was happy to expand recreational opportunities to the Town.

Motion by Commissioner Whatley to adjourn.
Mayor Pro Tem Farias, motion Seconded
8:22pm Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

_____Mayor Ben Harman

(seal)

_____Beverly O'Brien. Town Clerk