



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
SPECIAL MEETING

MINUTES

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

6:30PM

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Mayor Eury called the meeting to order.

Mayor Eury asked G. Harvey, Town Admin, to call the roll.

Commissioner Brett Barbee, Commissioner Joey Carpenter, Mayor Rodney Eury, Commissioner Latoya Jackson, Commissioner Bud Smith, and Commissioner Fred Smith were all present. Georgia Harvey, Town Administrator, and Al Benschhoff, Town Attorney, were present.

Mayor Eury asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

**Approvals**

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

**Administration**

Mayor Eury referred to Ms. Harvey for updates.

Board members have information on Stanly County Economic Development Summit and Charlotte Symphony Orchestra Nov 1. If interested in attending, email L. Murray or G. Harvey.

**Department Updates:**

**Budget & Finance**

No questions concerning budget and finance from the Board

### **Cemetery & Streets**

Powell Bill funds in the amount of \$52,744.00 have been received to date.

Street repairs and improvements scheduled for the next 2-3 months include storm drain repairs at Haywood & E. 7th St., 709 Center St., and Pine St at 205 & W. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Additionally, street repairs/improvements are planned for the end of E 3rd, Carrie Lane, and W. 7<sup>th</sup> St.

Mayor Eury mentioned area at corner of E 8<sup>th</sup> and N Main that DOT will fix and Commissioner Barbee asked if there would be sidewalk and curbs cleaned when finished.

Additional large roads will be discussed and scheduled after additional Powell Bill funds are received.

New Christmas lights have been received, and two estimates have been received for installing receptacles on 75 light poles and fixing existing wires. #1 \$14,000 – Browning Electric & #2 not to exceed \$8500 – Garmon, both to complete by November 14<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting).

G. Harvey stated going to accept Garmon Bid not to Exceed \$8500. Mayor noted this will be safer for staff.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Harvey discussed ballfield light renovations and this is for decision at the next regular meeting. D. Smith, Park Director, secured two bids and requested additional bids, but received no response. The bids from Musco and Camp differed in specific details. Smith asked Camp for further information to match the required specifics, but received no response.

Musco priced for complete replacement from Halide to LED, with additional lights added to the backside of poles facing the football field. This also includes an automatic timer, which can be programmed remotely.

They offer a financing package for \$395,000, requiring a \$150,000 down payment, with the remaining amount financeable for up to three years at 6.14%.

Harvey stated it could be paid off in 2 budget years, reducing the interest paid.

Camp's package was \$205,931, with no response to questions of warranty, structure, replacement of cross arms, etc.

Commissioner Carpenter asked to inquiry what the price would be if paid net 10 days in full. Commissioner F. Smith asked if the lighting could be completed in stages over three years.

### **Police Department**

G. Harvey noted that the SRO budgeted expense of \$70,000 is unnecessary in this line item and can be transferred to a new vehicle. Additionally, we are in the process of selling two Ford Taurus cars, along with various parts, including lights, cages, and other accessories.

Harvey referred to Chief Preslar for information on the request. Chief Preslar explained has received bids from Hillbish Ford, Crossroads, and Jones. Explorers range from 46,000 and up. Mustangs range from 42,000 and up. Mustang could be used for traffic and highly visible, but like the SUVs also. Hillbish has the lowest pricing of the three pricing. Commissioners Barbee stated the trucks not as good as SUV or mustang. Commissioner Jackson inquired if a mustang could transfer individuals to the jail or court. Mayor Eury asked if dealers provided state contract prices. Commissioner F Smith inquired on cost to upfit, Chief said about \$6000 and if from Hillbish then they will complete all upfit; keeping Oakboro from going to different vendors. Commissioner Barbee requested to decide at next week regular meeting.

Chief updated Board that Officer Payton James and Officer Craig Bradshaw have been hired, both are awaiting approval for swearing. OPD still has two full time positions to fill. Two of the OPD officers will be attending radar class next week.

### **Public Works**

G. Harvey noted items for discussion:

Misty Lane Water Pump replacement last week, and it was a necessity to get water back online. Bowers secured a company to replace the pump and make other necessary repairs not to exceed \$27,000. It was completed in two days and is back online. A budget amendment will be required at the regular meeting, as it was not included in the original budget. R. Bower, Utilities Director, explained more in detail the necessity of replacement and repair.

Discussion on sewer line extension for the McCoy's Creek area and First Street (homes before Ruby Ridge development). Residents inside city limits have requested water/sewer access. R. Bowers explained currently he will allow new home beside existing to extend line to adjoining property but not jump over to next lot. Attorney explained there are statues and utility system ordinances yet Oakboro does not have complete set. Oakboro currently needs to look at historical procedures. Oakboro has no obligation to extend water& sewer to properties. The Town can plan extensions with proper budgeting. Recommend Board to prioritize rules and

regulations on extensions and approvals. He will be able to assist with this. Board asked clarifying questions to attorney.

G. Harvey discussed the current status of Oakboro sewer capacity at zero for developments and none available until the West Stanly County Wastewater Treatment Plant project begins. That is planned around Feb/March of 2026. G. Harvey requested Attorney Al Benschhoff proceed with Board discussion on Moratorium and sewer capacity. Attorney gave information regarding the state statute on moratoriums and there would be new moratorium, no extension of current one that expires 12-1-2025. He used original moratorium information to share with Board on next steps. Board discussion and directed Attorney to assist with new ordinance for moratorium. He advised to set at next meeting, October 20<sup>th</sup>, a public hearing for November meeting, so that there is no delay or lapse in moratorium.

Mayor Eury entertained a motion for closed session, attorney/client privilege (G.S. 143-318.11(3)). Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

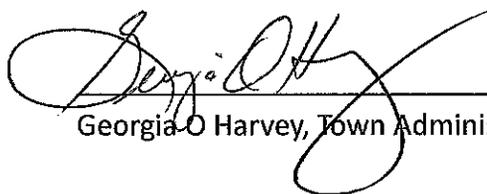
Closed session was discussion with Attorney. The Board made no decisions.

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to return to open session. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner F. Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

#### Adjourn

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner F. Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

  
Rodney C. Eury, Mayor

  
Georgia O Harvey, Town Administrator