



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, October 20, 2025
7:00 PM

Mayor Eury opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He asked the town clerk to call the roll. Commissioner Carpenter, Mayor Eury, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Fred Smith and Commissioner Bud Smith were present. Commissioner Brett Barbee was absent. Town Administrator, Georgia Harvey, Mr. Reggie Bowers, Chief Neil Preslar and Mr. Daniel Smith were also present.

Mayor Eury invited everyone to say the pledge to the United States Flag.

Devotions

Mayor Eury opened in prayer.

Approvals

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

Open Forum

Mayor Eury read our public comment statement:

At this time, we have reached the public comment section of our agenda. We have allotted a portion of time to hear from individuals who have signed up prior to the start of tonight's meeting. This is an opportunity for members of the public to express any items of interest or concern to the Mayor and Town Commissioners. This board is interested in hearing your concerns, but speakers should not expect board action or discussion on items brought up during the public comment. Topics needing further investigation will be referred to town staff members, where appropriate actions can be taken. Speakers are asked to use proper decorum and to limit comments to no more than three minutes so that everyone who wishes to speak tonight may do so. We ask there be no slandering with any person. When your name is called, please step forward to the podium and state your residential address. A timer will go off when you have reached your three minutes.

Mayor Eury called upon Mr. Jason Eschert of 336 Jaida Lane, Oakboro. Mr. Eschert questioned the sewer smell and if that had been fixed. Mr. Eschert appreciates the officers directing traffic at the school when the SRO continues to be absent.

Mr. Matt Murray with the Boy Scouts, Troop 202 out of Locust. They are working on the citizenship and merit badges. Several of the boys are pursuing Eagle Scout. The boys had a time to ask questions after the meeting to the commissioners and mayor.

Mr. Walter Russell of 549 Wade Road requested minutes of June, July, and August of 2025.

Mayor Eury asked if there was anyone else who would like to speak. No one else spoke and Mayor Eury closed the public comment time.

Administration

Ms. Harvey shared information regarding our Windstream contract and that we were working with Windstream to renegotiate our contract and save money. She stated Leslie Murray had been in touch with Windstream. Ms. Harvey asked for approval for the new contract with Windstream. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the new contract. Commissioner F Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Department Updates

Budget and Finance

Mayor Eury shared the monthly report. In the general fund, revenues are at 40% while expenditures are at 16%. In water fund, revenues are 30% and expenditures are 17% and in sewer fund, revenues are 23% and expenditures are 8%.

Cemetery and Streets

Mayor Eury called upon Commissioner F Smith. Commissioner F Smith reported that the staff continues to maintain the cemetery and streets. The department also had some dead trees and limbs removed beside Pro Fit Gym. Last of all, DOT is finished with paving Main Street.

Police Department

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter for the police report. Commissioner Carpenter shared information regarding the calls for September. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve a vehicle purchase for the police department. Commissioner B Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Latoya Jackson for the Parks and Recreation Department report. She shared that baseball wrapped up this month and soccer as well as football practices will continue through the end of October. Commissioner Jackson also shared that basketball signups are this month and practices will begin in late November. Our District Park also hosted three cross country high school meets this month and one middle school meet. Lastly, she shared information about the ball field light purchase. She informed the board that there are three options for consideration regarding the ball field lights. They are:

- 1) Pay the \$150,000 budget as a down payment, financing the remaining over three years at 6.14% interest.
- 2) Pay in full and appropriate the difference from fund balance
- 3) Alternate financing for two years at a local bank, at approximately 5.5% interest.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go with option 3, alternate financing for two years at a local bank with approximately 5.5% interest. Commissioner ___ seconded. There was some discussion about Ms. Harvey talking with Musco and asking for some additional money off since we are paying them in full. If they would do this, the savings will cover the interest on the loan. Ms. Harvey stated she would do this. Voted and carried unanimously.

Public Works

Mayor Eury called upon Commissioner Bud Smith for the Public Works Department update.

Mr. Reggie Bowers shared that this Wednesday, October 22, 2025 that they will need to repair a water leak and the water will be off until 10am on Wednesday.

Planning and Zoning Department

Mayor Eury called upon Commissioner Carpenter to share the report.

Commissioner Carpenter stated that Stanly County is currently undertaking a critical process of renovating and increasing the capacity of the West Stanly Waste Water Treatment Plant. Oakboro lacks sewer capacity for new subdivisions and may not receive any additional until the project begins. Therefore, Commissioner Carpenter continued, the town is proposing a temporary moratorium on all development applications and approvals for new residential subdivisions or other developments containing more than three dwelling units. The Town of Oakboro does plan to continue single-family dwellings. Commissioner Carpenter requested for Mayor Eury to set a public hearing on November 17, 2025. Commissioner F Smith made a motion to set a public hearing on the moratorium for November 17, 2025 at Oakboro Town Hall at 7pm. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Public Works

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner B Smith for public works information. Commissioner Smith shared that the sewer department continues with preventative maintenance on sewer lines and pump stations as well as repair of sewer lines. The department also replaced the Oak Glen pump station. As far as the water department, the staff continues to install new water meters and replacing old manual read meters. The department also repaired water lines and flushed lines for quality control. The well at Misty Lane needs to be replaced. The total is \$27,000 for repairs and replacement of the well. The department scheduled cleaning of the 7th Street water tank for the week of November 4-7, 2025. Citizens may experience some lower pressure during this time.

Historic Preservation Commission

Mayor Eury stated there is no report

RRRPO

Mayor Eury stated there is no report.

Mayor Eury shared that the town needed to do some budget adjustments. In water fund, \$27,000 was needed to be taken from fund balance appropriation and moved to well pump replacement. Commissioner F Smith made a motion to adjust the water fund as stated. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously. In general fund, the line item for SRO needs to be reduced to 0 while we move that \$70,000 to the line-item for the police vehicle. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the \$70,000 line-item change for the police vehicle and Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Joey Carpenter thanked everyone for coming out tonight.

Commissioner Bud Smith thanked everyone for coming out. He talked with the Boy Scouts and encouraged them to seek Eagle Scout. He also commended them for coming out to the meeting.

Commissioner Jackson thanked all the town employees for all of the hard work and dedication and shared that it doesn't go unnoticed. She thanked the Boy Scouts for coming.

Commissioner Fred Smith thanked everyone for coming out.

Mayor Eury recognized Matt Murray, one of the leaders for the Boy Scouts. He asked his scouts if they had any questions. He also asked a couple of questions about how the young people can get involved in the town. Several of the Boy Scouts asked questions to the commissioners and mayor.

Closed Session

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to go into closed session for G.S. 143-318.11 (6) - Personnel. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go into closed session for personnel according to G.S. 143-318.11(6). Commissioner Carpenter seconded unanimously.

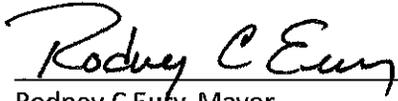
Open Session

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

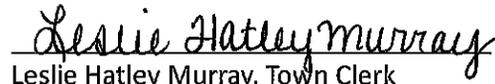
Mayor Eury entertained a motion to give Town Administrator, Georgia Harvey a 3% raise if it was the pleasure of the board. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to give Ms. Harvey a 3% raise effective immediately. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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



Rodney C Eury, Mayor



Leslie Hatley Murray, Town Clerk