



## BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, July 22, 2025 7:00PM

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Mayor Eury welcomed everyone to the meeting. He asked the clerk to call the roll. Commissioner Barbee, Commissioner Carpenter, Mayor Eury, Commissioner Latoya Jackson, and Commissioner Bud Smith were present. Commissioner Fred Smith was absent due to sickness. Town Administrator Georgia Harvey was also present.

#### **Devotions**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Jackson for the devotions. She shared from John 10:11 and Romans 8:39.

#### **Amend Agenda/Approvals**

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to amend the agenda for a closed session in regards to personnel. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Bud Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

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

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2025 and June 26, 2025. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes from June 17, 2025 and June 26, 2025. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

#### **Open Forum**

Mayor Eury called on Mr. Walter Russell of 549 Wade Road. Mr. Russell brought the following to the board. He stated he wanted to “know anything and everything concerning Wade Road and adjoining property up to 1000 feet of Wade Road, including road work, maintenance records of what the town has done to Wade Road for the last 10 years, utility work, zoning within 1000 feet of Wade Road, grants applied for, all submittals of any paperwork to any entity and road easements.” He also asked if the town has “documentation of when State Road 1111 (Wade Road) became 60 feet road easement.”

Mayor Eury then called on Chris Huneycutt of 221 West Sixth Street. He expressed his condolences to Commissioner Carpenter for the loss of his father-in-law. Mr. Huneycutt shared there are multiple uses for the Powell Bill money that comes in and it’s not just the paving of roads. Mr. Huneycutt commended the town and fire department for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Celebration. He shared how it was very much appreciated how clean everything is. Finally, he mentioned his concern that the Ol’ Homestead Building needs to be painted all over.

### **Administration**

Mayor Eury referred to Town Administrator Georgia Harvey. She advised everyone that our website is having some issues right now with getting the documents loaded. She advised that Leslie Murray is working on this, but if anything is needed that is not on the website, please contact town hall.

Ms. Harvey also advised there would not be a Historic Preservation Commission meeting this month.

Ms. Harvey then explained the Ordinance for Codifications is required by law to be read out loud for the public twice. Tonight is the first reading. Ms. Harvey read the Ordinance for Codifications aloud. Ms. Harvey asked the board to approve the first reading of the Ordinance for Codifications. The second reading must be at a public hearing. She is asking the mayor and board to set the public hearing date for August 18, 2025 at 7pm which is our next regularly scheduled meeting.

### **Department Updates**

Mayor Eury then moved to the department updates. He referred to Commissioner Barbee for the budget and finance department. Commissioner Barbee advised the new fiscal year just began and we would have an updated next month with revenues and payments. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve the first reading of the Ordinance for Codifications. Commissioner B Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to set a public hearing for the Ordinance for Codifications for Monday, August 18, 2025 at 7pm in Oakboro Town Hall. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to set the public hearing for the Ordinance for Codifications for Monday, August 18, 2025 at 7pm in Oakboro Town Hall. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barbee made a motion to renew our CD with Uwharrie at an APR of 4% for 7 months. Commissioner Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barbee made a motion to combine the police account at Uwharrie Bank with the regular checking account. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury moved onto the cemetery-and streets departments. Mayor Eury gave the report himself since Commissioner Fred Smith was absent. He thanked the town employees for the hard work on cleaning up the streets, sidewalks and debris before and after the parade. There are also various sidewalks and street light repairs that have been completed.

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter for an update on the police department. Commissioner Carpenter informed everyone that Cody Teague will be sworn in tonight. Mrs. Murray swore in Officer Cody Teague.

Commissioner Carpenter then referred to Chief Preslar. Chief Preslar shared details about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July events and the coverage the department provided along with all of the other departments that were

here. He also shared that we had several items that were shared with us such as cameras and other technology that we did not have to pay for that came in handy over the 4<sup>th</sup> week. He also shared a presentation of the details for that week including a map that showed how much area was covered by our police department.

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Jackson for the parks and recreation report. She commented that youth soccer registration is currently underway and will run to the end of July, 2025. This will be for ages 3-15.

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter for the zoning report. Commissioner Carpenter asked Ms. Harvey to share more information about a special permit request regarding 1008 Misty Lane. Ms. Harvey asked the board to set a public hearing for Monday, August 18, 2025 7pm in Oakboro Town Hall for a special permit request for replacement of manufactured home at 1008 Misty Lane. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to set a public hearing for Monday, August 18, 2025 at 7pm in Oakboro Town Hall for a special permit request for replacement of a manufactured home at 1008 Misty Lane. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner B Smith for an update on public works. He shared that in sewer, BRS and Utilities Director, Reggie Bowers will perform a final check for McCoys Creek later this month and the project will then be complete. He also shared that staff continues preventative maintenance with sewer lines and pump stations in addition to the repair of sewer lines.

In the water department, staff continues to install new water meters, replace old manual read water meters and repair water lines. The repair and installation of the mixer equipment has been completed in the East 7<sup>th</sup> Street water tank. The department is continuing to do weekly and monthly tests of water quality. Lastly, a letter was sent out to all customers on rate increase, late fee increase and E-1 pump repairs. If there are any questions from the public, they are welcome to contact town hall.

Mayor Eury shared about the Historic Commission since Commissioner F Smith was absent. Mayor Eury informed everyone that at the last meeting there was a discussion on selection of paint colors for historic district, but no decision was made.

Mayor Eury shared there was no RRRPO report.

#### **Closed Session**

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to go into closed session for personnel. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

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

#### **Open Session**

Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to increase Sarah Hall, Utility Billing Specialist to \$19.50/hour. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

#### **Mayor & Commissioner Comments**

Mayor Eury opened the time for mayor and commissioner comments.

Commissioner Carpenter congratulated Mr. Cody Teague and welcomed him to the Oakboro Police Department. He thanked Mr. Russell for his comments. He also thanked the maintenance department for cleaning up the town and Oakboro Police Department for making sure everything ran smoothly at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration. Commissioner Carpenter thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting.

Commissioner Jackson congratulated Mr. Cody Teague for joining the Oakboro Police Department. She thanked the citizens for showing up to the meeting. She also thanked the town employees for their work as well as Oakboro Fire & Rescue, Oakboro Police Department and the other agencies for their help with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration.

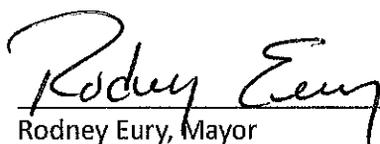
Commissioner Barbee thanked everyone for their hard work with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and Celebration. He thanked the Chief Preslar for digging in and getting the equipment that helped keep everyone safe. Commissioner Barbee thanked the town staff and especially the park staff for their help with a situation involving one of Charlotte Pipe's employees. The employee was running in the park and suffered a heart attack and passed. The park department took the loss hard. He advised everyone to hug your siblings tight.

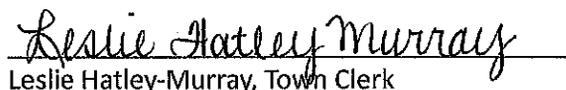
Commissioner Smith shared that Wade Road might not get paved tomorrow but he thanked Mr. Russell for coming out and sharing his concerns. He thanked Chief Preslar for the careful hiring of good officers and congratulated Officer Teague. He thanked Chief Preslar for the presence of the Oakboro Police Department officers.

Mayor Eury thanked Mr. Russell for coming out and advised the town can't do everything at one time, but assured Mr. Russell that his list will be looked into. Mayor Eury told Chief Preslar he has not disappointed the board and town with his hard work. He advised everyone to be aware of their surroundings. Last, Mayor Eury thanked the town employees for making the town run smoothly.

#### **Adjournment**

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Commissioner B Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

  
Rodney Eury, Mayor

  
Leslie Hatley-Murray, Town Clerk