



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 15, 2025**  
**7:00 PM**

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

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

**Devotions**

Commissioner Fred Smith shared with everyone a short devotion. He read a short statement that said when we worry it's when we think we have to control everything and when we have peace is when we have let God handle everything. He then opened in prayer.

**Approvals**

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner F Smith 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. 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 thanked the police chief as well as the department. He appreciated seeing Officer Morris at the school directing traffic since the SRO was absent. Mr. Eschert also stated that Officer Morris helped a lady with getting air in her tires at The Local Market. He was glad to see this community interaction. He also has seen Officer Teague around and that has been good. Mr. Eschert also shared his experience with the Flock cameras and that

when he was in Wadesboro, the police department solved two murders and recovered several stolen vehicles. He also shared that he realized Flock cameras are worth the cost. He shared a little bit about how the Flock cameras work. He also made a suggestion for the Oakboro Police Department to get back on social media.

Mayor Eury thanked Mr. Eschert and offered anyone else who would like to speak to come up to the podium at this time and share name and residential address.

No one else spoke during open forum.

### **Administration**

Mayor Eury shared there are two resolutions for grants to approve tonight. One is for water and one is for sewer. Mayor Eury entertained a motion for the approval of a resolution for the water AIA grant submission to allow Chambers Engineering to file for another water grant on behalf of the town. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve the resolution for water AIA grant. Commissioner B Smith seconded. Mayor Eury then entertained a motion for the approval of a resolution for the sewer AIA grant submission to allow Chambers Engineering to file for another sewer grant on behalf of the town. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the resolution for the sewer AIA grant. Commissioner F Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury called on Mrs. Teresa Smith to share from the Historic Preservation Commission. She informed the board the Historic Preservation Commission has designated a color palette for painting in the historic district. She requested a public hearing to be set up for the October meeting. Mayor Eury asked for a motion to approve the colors and change it in the guidelines to match. Commissioner Jackson made a motion for the approval of the color palette along with the change in the guidelines for the historic district. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

### **Department Updates**

#### **Budget and Finance**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Barbee for the budget and finance report. Commissioner Barbee shared the monthly budget report as shown below:

	Revenues	Expenditures
General Fund	2%	11%
Water Fund	20%	10%
Sewer Fund	15%	6%

#### **Cemetery and Streets**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner F Smith for the update in the cemetery and street departments. Commissioner F Smith shared the staff continues with maintenance of the cemetery and streets.

#### **Police Department**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter for an update on the police department. Commissioner Carpenter shared that we would have an information update live via zoom regarding the Flock cameras. The Flock representative shared some information and answered questions for the board. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion for 8 Flock cameras to be installed for a 60-day trial process. There will be no fees during this time. Commissioner B Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

### **Parks and Recreation**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Jackson. Commissioner Jackson reminded everyone of the 2-day cruise in that will be held on September 26 and 27. She also shared there will be a Showcase of Power on College Street and West Third Street at 7:30pm each night.

### **Public Works**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner B Smith for the report on public works. Commissioner B Smith shared that in the sewer department, the department continues preventative maintenance with sewer lines and pump stations as well as repairs of sewer lines. The department also worked on the repair of the Oaks at St. Martin sewer pump station. Commissioner B Smith shared that in the water department the staff continues installation of new water meters, replacement of old manual read meters as well as repair of water lines and repair of the Alonzo Road booster station. Commissioner B Smith also informed everyone of the scheduled cleaning of the East Seventh Street water tank the week of November 4<sup>th</sup>. There will be more details to follow on this.

### **Planning and Zoning**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter for an update on the planning and zoning department. Commissioner Carpenter shared there was no report.

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

Mayor Eury shared there was no report at this time.

### **RRRPO**

Mayor Eury shared there was no report at this time.

### **Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

Mayor Eury shared the next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. He also shared the board would have a workshop on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.

Mayor Eury called on Commissioner Carpenter. Commissioner Carpenter thanked all the town employees. He also shared he was very excited about the Flock cameras and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Mayor Eury called on Commissioner Jackson. Commissioner Jackson agreed with everything Commissioner Carpenter said and thanked everyone for coming. She also thanked the town employees for their hard work.

Mayor Eury called on Commissioner Barbee. Commissioner Barbee shared it was good to see all the smiling faces of everyone and asked for them to come back. Commissioner Barbee mentioned the murder of Charlie Kirk and shared that he wanted to publicly thank his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for what he did for him on the cross.

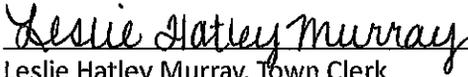
Mayor Eury called on Commissioner F Smith. Commissioner F Smith thanked everyone for coming out. He really appreciated the citizens taking the time to do that.

Mayor Eury called on Commissioner B Smith. Commissioner B Smith thanked everyone for coming out. He also thanked Chief Preslar for the work he did on the Flock cameras and he thanked the board for the vote.

#### Adjournment

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

  
Rodney C Eury, Mayor

  
Leslie Hatley Murray, Town Clerk