



**Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, August 13, 2024
7pm
Special Meeting**

Mayor Huneycutt called the meeting to order. He asked the clerk to do the roll call. Commissioner Barbee, Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Hathcock, Mayor Huneycutt, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Smith and Town Administrator Harvey were all present.

Commissioner Hathcock made a motion to amend the agenda making the order the following:

1. Oakboro STEM School SRO
2. Closed Session for Contracts (G.S. 143-318.11(5))
3. Open Session for SRO recommendation
4. Closed Session for Personnel (G.S. 143-318.11(6))
5. Oakboro Police Department – Advertisement for the Chief of Police Position – Process and Timeline

Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously. The items didn't change on the agenda, only the order.

The first item for discussion was the Oakboro STEM School SRO. Ms. Harvey shared four options for the board.

- 1- Contract with an outside agency/security company
- 2- Schedule one of our current full-time officers to be SRO which would require rearranging our other staff
- 3- Contract with Stanly County Schools
- 4- Contract with Stanly County Sheriffs Office

A motion was made by Commissioner Barbee to go into closed session. It was seconded by Commissioner Smith. Voted and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Barbee to go back into open session. It was seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Ms. Harvey. Ms. Harvey shared that her recommendation was to enter into a partnership with Stanly County Schools for staffing of Oakboro STEM School

Resource Officer for the 2024-2025 school year. She would like for the board to allow her and Dr. Dennis, Superintendent of Stanly County Schools, to finalize details together.

Mayor Huneycutt entertained a motion based on what Ms. Harvey said above. A motion was made by Commissioner Barbee and seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Huneycutt stated there was another need for a closed session on the advertisement for the chief position and personnel. A motion was made by Commissioner Barbee to go into closed session and a second by Commissioner Smith. Voted and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Commissioner Jackson to go back into open session. It was seconded by Commissioner Carpenter. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Huneycutt referred to Ms. Harvey. Ms. Harvey mentioned that in closed session the pay for the maintenance department and she is requesting that we increase the minimum pay to \$20/hour.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to increase the starting pay for our maintenance workers to \$20/hour and also scale up the existing employees accordingly. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda is the Oakboro Police Department and advertising for the chief of police position including the process and timeline.

Ms. Harvey then asked the board to read over the advertisement for the chief of police position for the Town of Oakboro and for the board to offer her any changes or bring up any questions they may have concerns about.

Ms. Harvey asked the pleasure of the board to post the chief of police position. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to post the chief of police position online and seconded by Commissioner Smith.

Next, Ms. Harvey discussed the timeline for the chief of police position. The board wanted to make sure that the minimum of 45 days could be extended based on the applications received. Ms. Harvey continued discussing the timeline with the board. There was no further discussion from the board.

Commissioner Barbee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Christopher N Huneycutt, Mayor

Leslie Hatley-Murray, Town Clerk