

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2009  
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Patsy Carson presiding held a Special Called Meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. in Erwin, N.C.

Board members present were Commissioners: William Corbett, Randy Baker, Norma Ennis, Michael West, Mark Whitman and Frank Taylor.

Town Manager Bryan Thompson and Town Clerk Cynthia B. Patterson were present.

Mayor Patsy Carson called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Commissioner Frank Taylor gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner West made a motion to approve the agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted unanimously.

**DISCUSSION AND CONSIDERATION OF APPOINTED BOARD GUIDELINES**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that the Guidelines had not changed however, Staff was brining this issue back to the Board to make sure there is an agreement with the guidelines if there were any issues that need to be brought up and discussed. This is completely at the Boards will.

Commissioner Taylor expressed concern with guideline # 2,"stating shall have special skills so as to uniquely qualify him/her for duty on the Board or Commission". Mr. Taylor stated that his feelings had always been that a person should be a resident of city limits or the ETJ. Another issue for Commissioner Taylor is guidelines #8 and #9. It should not state in #8 "Stronger consideration will be granted to those eligible applicants seeking reappointment", however, "Consideration" would be acceptable. For guideline #9, "Applicants serving on an board in a Alternate capacity will receive greater consideration when applying for appointment as a regular member to the board to which the applicant is serving in the alternate capacity. Commissioner Taylor suggested in doing away with greater.

Both Commissioners Whitman and Ennis agreed with Commissioner Taylor.

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Commissioner Whitman stated that the only issue that would come into play with guideline #2 is for the Recreation Board. We have a lot of out of town kids that play Town sports; however Commissioner Whitman agreed either City Limits or ETJ.

Commissioner Corbett stated that we the Board has voted on this issue and guideline # 2 is in the Code of Ordinance. Commissioner Corbett then asked the Board what is best for the Town. Commissioner Corbett feels like the Board is going to back themselves in a corner and eventually we are going to have no one applying that lives in the city limits of Erwin, why can't we take it case by case.

Commissioner Ennis stated that she agreed with Commissioner Taylor and should consider changing guideline #2.

Commissioner Baker stated with the clause it was put in there for a specific reason. The Board appointed an ad hoc committee such as the Porter Steering Committee and Economic Development and call for professionals that can bring professional skills and ability to those boards and assist you. If you take that out, you will not be able to have those individuals on these boards or committees. The clause was put in there to leave the door open where the board can reach and grab the assistance of these individuals.

Commissioner West expressed concern with the people that live in the ETJ and only pay County Taxes and not paying anything to the Town and feels that citizens need to live in the City Limits to be considered for any board.

Mayor Carson stated that the advisory boards do not vote, they don't have any authority all they are doing is bringing in ideas and putting it together as a group. We have got to work together.

Town Manager Bryan Thompson stated that it would be desirable to vote on this issue. Whether or not it needs to be voted on tonight it's not necessary however, we do have quorum and it is legally advertised open meeting and if the Board wishes to vote on this issue tonight we definitely can.

Commissioner West commented that which ever way it goes in the vote, we have to remember that we are a team and have to leave it here and when we go out the door remember we are united as one.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to adopt the Guidelines as is and was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The Board voted 3 for and 3 against (Commissioners Ennis, West, and Taylor). Due to a split Board the Mayor voted to adopt the Guidelines as is.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adjourn at 7:16 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner West. The Board voted unanimously.

**MINUTES RECORDED AND TYPED BY CYNTHIA B. PATTERSON, TOWN  
CLERK**

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**Patsy Carson, Mayor**

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**Cynthia B. Patterson, Town Clerk**