

**ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 21, 2011
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA**

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Patsy Carson presiding, held its Special Called Meeting in the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at 5:30 P. M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

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

Board Members absent were: Commissioner West.

Town Manager Bryan Thompson, Town Clerk Cynthia Patterson and Finance Director Debbie Chestnut were present.

Mayor Patsy Carson called the meeting to order at 5:30 P. M.

Commissioner Taylor gave the invocation.

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL/ADJUSTMENTS TO AGENDA

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to approve the Agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Whitman. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner West).

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve Item A Budget Amendments: BOA 2011-4 and BOA 2011-5: End of Year Adjustments and Item B Close the PARTF Fund and Account – Transfer remaining PARTF Funds to the General Fund Balance and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner West).

PUBLIC HEARING

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to go into Public Hearing at 5:32pm and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner West).

FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 BUDGET ORDINANCES FOR ALL FUNDS

Town Manager Bryan Thompson informed the Board that you will find some adjustments to the proposed 2011-2012 Operating Budget for the General Fund mostly of those alterations largely have to do with the ending note that was left at the last budget workshop and that is Group Health Insurance.

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Staff believes that we are forced right now to stay with our current Insurance providers which is Blue Cross Blue Shield on account of a number of issues. Due to our group size which is 25 employees we are unable to have the group health over the retired employees which is a benefit we offer to the employees and if we were to go with Well Path which is a group that Staff was looking at, we would expose the retired employees to the individual plans with increased premiums and then we would not offer comparable packages to what the other remaining of the group has and the intent of that program which was passed a number year ago which was to maintain that level of coverage. With that, we have from the last time we looked at the budget about a \$30,000 difference with those adjustments being made so Staff has gone back trimmed down where we could find that we could at least take equally portion of dollars from each department to ease that burden.

Commissioner Baker asked could a piggy back from other Municipalities or Harnett County get us a better rate for Insurance next year.

Mr. Thompson stated that was possible, there are a couple of issues, the Town does not offer the same packages as what other groups might offer, also group composition has a lot to do with rates and you might have from one unit government to the next depending on the group size the composition with the history of performance so far as deductibles and other kind of things like that that really go along way in determining a premium might be.

Mayor Carson asked that if anyone was interested to speak in favor for this proposed Budget Ordinance to please come forward and state your name, address and oath.

No one came forward to speak in favor.

Mayor Carson asked that if anyone was interested to speak against this proposed Budget Ordinance to please come forward and state your name, address and oath.

No one came forward to speak against.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to close Public Hearing at 5:40pm and was seconded by Commissioner Taylor. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner West).

NEW BUSINESS**ADOPTION OF BUDGET ORDINANCES FOR ALL FUNDS**

Town Manager Bryan Thompson stated that if there are any questions please feel free to do so.

Commissioner Corbett asked the cost of the Good Hope issue. Mr. Thompson stated it was price around \$35,000 mark with \$500 per month that has already been commented by Arc of Harnett which will bring it down to \$29,000. Arc of Harnett has commented also to \$10,000 in renovations to bring the facility up to speed so for operational cost we are looking at \$29,000 and please note that we have tried to be conservative with those line items that we have projected on what the possible cost would be for operations.

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Mayor Carson also stated that Arc of Harnett will do fundraisers which are their way of raising money and they don't want to commit in more than \$500 a month to not cut them short but they are willing to do fundraisers or whatever to help with that money.

Mr. Thompson also stated that the way the conversation has involve is if Arc of Harnett were to put up the money to renovate or restore the facility and if Good Hope would offer the facility at a \$1 a year lease then the Town might be able to come in with operating funds for having the facility opened to the public and for the use of Arc of Harnett.

Commissioner Taylor stated that the Town would be operating as a net in case Arc of Harnett falls short to pick up the slack.

Mr. Thompson stated that there will be 2 distinct functions of that facility, one function would be for the Town to offer it as an additional center for additional amenity and opportunity for the people in the community where as this other function would be Arc of Harnett and their looking for single office with telephone a mailing address and a place where they can keep their files and then in the evenings couple nights a week and maybe on Saturdays be able to use that for their clients so they can come in do facilitate programs, and aerobics for that privilege to do so they offer a \$500 a month to cover that portion of their needs.

Commissioner Ennis wanted to clarify that the Town was not obligated at this time.

Mr. Thompson stated that right now the budget does not reflect any kind of funds moving forward with Good Hope.

Mr. Thompson also stated that there are a couple of ways this could be handled. It is possible that we could come back and do a Budget Amendment at a later time once we can identify where the funds can be available and look at the community enhancement funds to see what that looks like and bring to the Board the full information of how much is in the community enhancement fund.

Commissioner Whitman asked of what kind of time line are we looking at in order to make a decision as far as the Good Hope project.

Mr. Thompson stated that Arc of Harnett is looking at just as soon as it could possibly be done but at the same time they have not had a central office ever and they had to continue to operate like this with pending hope that something would come through, there should not be any hard feelings.

Commissioner Baker stated that maybe Mr. Thompson could come back with some more definite numbers and the Town Attorney could look at what might be involved as far as partnership and then we will know what the Town would be getting into.

Mr. Thompson stated that if the Board would like to see refreshed numbers with the balances of the improvement fund and maybe have another conversation with Arc of Harnett to see if their circumstances have changed if they are able to bring more money to the table or if they are still interested in the project that information can be gathered and brought to the Board for consideration and how would the Board would like to proceed. Mr. Thompson also stated that he can have most of this information to the Board by the next Regular meeting which is Thursday, July 7, 2011 at 7pm.

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Commissioner Whitman made a motion to approve the adoption of the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Budget Ordinance for all Funds and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner West).

ADOPTION OF FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 FEE SCHEDULE

Town Manger Bryan Thompson stated that as mentioned before the only change to this fee schedule is the change that is result of the consumer price index increase for Republic Services recycling and household curbside at the rate of 2.1% and that has been reflected in the new rate for both household curbside and recycling.

Commissioner Baker made a motion to adopt the Fiscal Year 2011-2012 Fee Schedule and was seconded by Commissioner Corbett. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner West).

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING BOARD OUT OF TOWN ALTERNATE APPLICATION

Town Manager Bryan Thompson stated that we do have one vacancy for Out of Town Alternate and one application has been submitted. The applicant is Bill Morris who is the lieutenant of the Town of Erwin Police Dept. There are no legal issues or conflicts with a town employee serving on an appointed board.

Commissioner Corbett made a motion to accept applicant Bill Morris for the Out of Town Alternate position and was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner West).

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Taylor made a motion to adjourn at 6:05pm and was seconded by Commissioner Baker. The Board voted 5 for and 1 absent (Commissioner West).

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

**Patsy M. Carson,
Mayor**

**Cynthia B. Patterson, CMC
Town Clerk**