



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 17, 2025
7:00 PM**

Public Hearing

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear comments for or against the adoption of a moratorium on the processing of development applications and the consideration of development approvals for all major

Mayor Eury opened the time for comments in favor of the moratorium. Mr. Lanny Hathcock spoke for the moratorium and asked the board to really consider putting the moratorium in place because of the lack of sewer available to Oakboro at this time as well as not knowing how much Stanly County will allot to Oakboro.

Mayor Eury opened the time for comments against the moratorium. No one spoke against the moratorium.

Mayor Eury declared the public hearing closed.

Regular Meeting

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. Town Administrator, Georgia Harvey, Mr. Reggie Bowers, Chief Neil Preslar, Mr. Daniel Smith, Officer Greg Morris, Officer Payton James, and Officer Craig Bradshaw were also present.

Pledge to the United States Flag

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

Devotions

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Barbee for the devotions. Commissioner Barbee thanked the town for allowing God's word in the meetings. He stated that here at Thanksgiving, it's a time to give thanks, even for the small things that a lot of us take for granted each day such as a warm supper. That is a blessing of God and we should always appreciate that. He said but most of all he was thankful for the verse 1 John 1:9 that states, if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. We were born into this world as sinners. He shared God is always open, we can come back to him at any time and he will forgive us.

Approvals

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to amend the agenda to remove the closed session. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the closed session. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2025, September 2, 2025, September 15, 2025, October 14, 2025 and October 20, 2025. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes for August 18, September 2, September 15, October 14, and October 20, 2025. Commissioner B Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Open Forum

No one signed up for open forum.

Administration

Mayor Eury referred to Ms. Harvey, Town Administrator for an update. Ms. Harvey recognized Leslie Murray for attending the 2025 School of Government Clerk's Institute with successful completion of educational requirements of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. She shared that Mrs. Murray was now designated as a Certified Municipal Clerk.

Mayor Eury called up Officer James and Officer Bradshaw for their swearing in. The town clerk swore in both officers and congratulated them on this milestone.

Department Updates

Budget and Finance

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Barbee for the monthly report. In the general fund, revenues are at 38% while expenditures are at 25%. In water fund, revenues are 41% and expenditures are 30% and in sewer fund, revenues are 30% and expenditures are 20%.

Cemetery and Streets

Mayor Eury called upon Commissioner F Smith. Commissioner F Smith reported that the staff continues the maintenance of the cemetery and streets. The department installed new storm drains at Center Street, West Fifth Street, East Seventh Street and Gold Street. Commissioner F Smith reminded everyone of the limb and bulk trash pickup for tomorrow, November 18, 2025 and finally announced to everyone that our Christmas lights were now up on Main Street and will be turned on at the Christmas Parade.

Police Department

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter for the police report. Commissioner Carpenter shared information regarding the calls for October. Our Oakboro Police Department is participating in the Governor's Highway Safety program. Chief Preslar added that the department has been set up for the

Governor's Highway Safety program. Also, Chief Preslar is happy to announce that Officers Morris and Teague completed radar training and are almost done with their field training phase.

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Latoya Jackson for the Parks and Recreation Department report. She shared that Mr. Smith had shared that we have 50 children signed up for youth basketball. She also shared a reminder that the Christmas Tree Lighting will be Thursday, December 4, 2025 at 6:30pm. She also reminded everyone of the Christmas Parade at 7pm.

Planning and Zoning Department

Mayor Eury called upon Commissioner Carpenter to share the report. Commissioner Carpenter requested a board decision regarding the public hearing about the Moratorium Ordinance. Mayor Eury asked for a motion to approve the Moratorium Ordinance. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve the Moratorium Ordinance. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Public Works

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Bud Smith for public works information. Commissioner Smith shared that the sewer department continues with preventative maintenance on sewer lines and pump stations as well as repairs of sewer lines. The department cleaned out the sewer service on Main Street and continued to monitor the pump station at James Road.

In the water department, the staff continues installation of new water meters and replacement of old manual read meters in addition to repairs of water lines and flushing lines for quality control.

Commissioner Smith referred to Mr. Reggie Bowers for an explanation of the 7th Street Water Tank cleaning. Mr. Bowers shared that the company said everything looked to be in great condition with the water tank and there were no repairs to be done.

Historic Preservation Commission

Mayor Eury stated there is no report

RRRPO

Mayor Eury stated there is no report.

Mayor and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Joey Carpenter congratulated Leslie Murray on her accomplishments. Commissioner Carpenter mentioned it was nice to have Officer James back and welcomed Officer Bradshaw. He thanked them for their work. Commissioner Carpenter commented that Mr. Lanny Hathcock was right about extending the moratorium. He appreciated his comments. Commissioner Carpenter went on to thank Mr. Bowers and his crew for all they do.

Commissioner Latoya Jackson congratulated Leslie Murray. She welcomed back Officer James and welcomed Officer Bradshaw and expressed her appreciation for what they do. Commissioner Jackson thanked everyone who came out to the meeting. She also thanked the town workers commenting that she had an issue earlier in the day and the maintenance department were quick to respond and take care of that. Commissioner Jackson wishes everyone a great Thanksgiving and said to enjoy your friends, family and football.

Commissioner Brett Barbee said thank you to the town and the fire department for hosting the Veterans Day Parade. He publicly thanked the veterans for what they did for each of us. Commissioner Barbee shared that with Thanksgiving coming up to please look after your neighbor and make sure they have a hot meal to eat. He also thanked Mrs. Leslie Murray for her hard work and commented that he could already see the changes and knows the town will benefit from the hard work. He welcomed back Officer James and said he remembered him from middle school football days. He welcomed Officer Bradshaw. He thanked all of the staff and to everyone who showed up tonight for the meeting.

Commissioner Fred Smith thanked everyone for coming out. He shared he was glad to have Officer James back and was glad to have Officer Bradshaw with us now as well. He mentioned Mr. Reggie Bowers and thanked him for all he does for the town. Commissioner F Smith also thanked Ms. Harvey for all she does as well as Chief Preslar for getting the department back together.

Commissioner Bud Smith – thanked Lanny for always being here and supporting the town. He shared that he had talked with Lanny about the proclamation for Mr. Jerry Crayton and felt like that was a great idea. He thanked him for remembering Jerry. Commissioner B Smith stated he always thought Mrs. Leslie Murray was certified and commented she was very knowledgeable and thanked her for providing all the help to those in town and to keep up with communication. He shared the town is lucky to have her. He said he was glad Officer James was back from Arkansas and shared that Officer Bradshaw looked like he will fit in really well. He thanked all the town employees from Ms. Harvey across the board. Commissioner Smith also thanked Mr. Reggie Bowers and shared that a lot of the times we take for granted the times we take a shower or flush a toilet but a lot of that is because of what Mr. Bowers and his department do for us on a daily basis. He thanked the citizens for coming it's always good to see support.

Mayor Rodney Eury congratulated Mrs. Leslie Murray on her hard work and appreciated her accomplishing that. He welcomed back Officer James back and welcomed Officer Bradshaw aboard. Mayor Eury said the fire department was happy to host the Veterans Day parade and that it was an honor. He thanked the ones who serve in leadership roles and thanked them for being leaders. He also thanked the ones who are workers and appreciated their work.

Adjournment

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

Rodney C Eury, Mayor

Leslie Hatley Murray, Town Clerk