



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING**

MINUTES

Monday, September 2, 2025

6:30PM

Mayor Eury welcomed everyone to the special meeting work session. He asked the clerk to call the roll. Commissioner Barbee, Commissioner Carpenter, Mayor Eury, Commissioner Latoya Jackson, Commissioner Fred Smith were present. Commissioner Bud Smith arrived at 7:03pm. Town Administrator Georgia Harvey was also present along with Reggie Bowers, Utility Director, Chief Neil Preslar and Officer Cody Teague.

Mayor Eury informed the attendees that this was not a meeting for the public to make comments nor was it a question-and-answer session. This was a meeting for the board to have discussions.

Mayor Eury referred to Ms. Georgia Harvey for updates. Ms. Harvey started with the Stanly County Schools' Grant Application Resolution. She shared a letter from Superintendent Dennis that the school board unanimously agreed to move forward with the grant. She asked the mayor to read the resolution from the town if the board desires to continue. No commissioner objected to this resolution. Mayor Eury read the Resolution of the Town of Oakboro Supporting Stanly County Schools' Grant Application for Oakboro School Facilities Improvements. Commissioner Latoya Jackson made a motion to adopt the resolution as read by Mayor Eury. Commissioner Joey Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously. The resolution was adopted September 2, 2025 by the Oakboro Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Harvey informed the board the Stanly County Arts Council sent a letter to the town requesting a sponsorship from the town. The sponsorships range from \$250 to \$1000. The board will consider this as an option until the next meeting date.

Ms. Harvey moved to the police department. She started with the Flock camera systems. Commissioner Carpenter stated he was very impressed with the zoom he saw today with Chief Preslar and all that the cameras can do. Commissioner Fred Smith is concerned about the \$18,000 per year. Chief Preslar shared that the cameras can detect a license plate that may have been reported as a stolen vehicle, a kidnapped child or a silver alert. Chief Preslar shared that each system can be audited by the officer and he can see the last login date. Ms. Harvey shared that Chief Preslar has talked to some business owners about taking part in the payment. Chief Preslar was also told that the City of Locust will be adding Flock to their department soon. Chief Preslar and Ms. Harvey also shared there is a 60-day trial period which doesn't start until the cameras are in operation.

Ms. Harvey also brought up surplus sales. She shared there are parts that have warehoused for years such as cages and lights that can't be used any longer. There is also a Taurus that was previously wrecked that will be sold. The police department took the parts off of it that could be used to fix other cars. Commissioner Fred Smith asked if we sold the Taurus would we have to replace it. Chief Preslar shared that he would like to get on a rotation like the previous administrations had done or eventually all vehicles will have to be replaced at one time.

Ms. Harvey then shared about the trees at the cemetery that are between ProFit Gym and the cemetery. Mrs. Donna Wimbish, owner of ProFit Gym is concerned about a couple of the trees breaking and falling onto her roof. She is asking the town to have the trees removed. Ms. Harvey asked the board to stop by and look at the trees.

Moving onto the parks department, Ms. Harvey shared there are no updates except to share that Mr. Daniel Smith continues to look at updates on ball field quotes and that will be brought to the board soon.

Ms. Harvey continued next with the streets department. She handed out a sheet that listed all of the street names in town, whether they are asphalt gravel or other, how many homes and businesses were on that particular street and the length of the street. She also had listed on the sheet the streets that needed to be repaved and repaired. She explained this sheet to the commissioners. She also informed the board of some sidewalk issues that were in the process of being corrected. She shared that Powell Bill money can be used on repaving and repairs.

Next, with the public works department, Ms. Harvey shared the Alonzo booster station needed repairs. Regarding East Seventh Street water tank, Southern Corrosion has scheduled a cleaning in November. During this process, the east side of town will experience some low pressure. However, Mr. Bowers is going to be able to correct this issue with the Lighthouse Road water tank. Mayor Eury stated he would inform 911 on those 2 days that in the event of an emergency, the town may need more water during this time. Phone notices also will go out informing the citizens of the situation. Ms. Harvey also informed the board that outside town single resident requests for sewer are not allowed.

The Historic Commission will present at the September 15, 2025 board meeting the panel of acceptable colors for the historic district. Ms. Harvey shared that a public hearing will be required for this. The Historic Commission also discussed spot designation of older buildings. She shared that the town can petition to the state to add certain homes or buildings outside the district, for example, the gym and the old high school building.

Ms. Harvey shared with the board that we have a company helping us with the website and design of a new one. The one we are currently working with was hacked and no longer allows updates without using html code which takes a lot of time to do.

Ms. Harvey then mentioned that there had been some questions about the budget line items. She answered some questions that had come in by email from the public about the phones budget line item – which also included all cell phones, office phones, air cards, and internet. Mrs. Murray is working with Windstream to get our bill lowered. She also shared that Chief Preslar was working to hire the qualified applicants and it does take time to get the right people in place. Another question was regarding leasing the copiers. This was explained and shared that leasing is the most cost-efficient way to go. She also shared there was no cost to the town for the SRO. As far as any complaints regarding that, people would need to contact the school system. Ms. Harvey also shared that the Chief's new vehicle was purchased in June, 2024 which was the previous fiscal year. Lastly, she shared the public money that was in the account at Uwharrie Bank can't be gifted to private individuals for private purposes; therefore, these funds fall under the general fund and are being used for the Oakboro Police Department.

Commissioner Jackson requested to have the recycle dates put back on the bills. Mrs. Murray agreed this could be done.

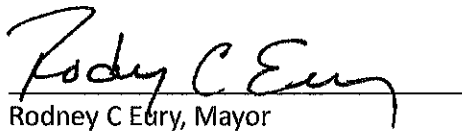
Mayor Eury shared the sidewalk from train museum to the park was on the list and was approved.

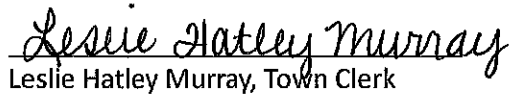
Mayor Eury entertained a motion to enter into closed session for personnel (NCGS 143-318.11(6)). Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to enter into closed session. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to enter back into open session. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to enter back into open session and Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

No action was taken in closed session.

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


Rodney C Eury, Mayor


Leslie Hatley Murray, Town Clerk