



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**The Joyce H Little Board Room**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2026 - 7:00 PM**

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**Regular Meeting**

Mayor Eury opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He asked the town clerk to call the roll. Mayor Eury, Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Bud Smith and Commissioner Fred Smith were present. Town Administrator, Georgia Harvey, Mr. Reggie Bowers, Chief Neil Preslar, and Mr. Daniel Smith were also present. Commissioner Barbee was absent.

**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 B Smith for the devotions. Commissioner B Smith. Commissioner B Smith opened in prayer.

**Approvals**

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

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda with personnel (G.S. 143-318.11(6)) added to the closed session. Commissioner F Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the minutes from December 15, 2025. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the minutes for December 15, 2025. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

**Open Forum**

Mayor Eury read our policy on the open forum.

Mrs. Erica Steed spoke to the board about her property on Hatley Burriss Road. She states she spoke to the Town of Oakboro in 2020 and she was given permission to tap onto the water and sewer with the town. They purchased the property with the intention to tap onto the Town of Oakboro water and sewer system. Now they want to build and they were told they couldn't get sewer at their property. The Steeds are requesting the board to allow them to have water and sewer access. The board asked questions to Mrs. Steed and also discussed the information. Mayor Eury told Mrs. Steed someone would be back in touch with her.

Mayor Eury called on Cordera (last name/address unknown) who was signed up on the open forum list; however, Walter Russell stood up and spoke. He stated this person had contacted him about the speeders on Hatley Burris Road. Mayor Eury stated that Chief Preslar is aware of this and the police have been on this road more. Mayor Eury also shared his mother lives on this road and he also knows the issue with speeding. The Sheriff's office and Highway Patrol has been on this road as well. Officer Teague confirmed they are aware and are working on cutting down on speeders because all officers have their radar certification. Mr. Russell said that was all he wanted to share from Cordera (last name/address unknown). Mr. Russell also brought up the Steed situation and asked if the board would have an issue with a septic tank placed on the property. Mayor Eury stated that the board wouldn't have any authority over that. He wanted to confirm that the Steeds would have the ability to put a septic system. Commissioner Carpenter and Mayor Eury said if it perks, there is the ability to put in a septic tank. Mr. Russell spoke to the Steeds and told them to call him and that he could put in their septic system.

#### **Administration**

Mayor Eury referred to Ms. Harvey, Town Administrator for an update. Ms. Harvey didn't have anything to bring before the board at this time.

#### **Department Updates**

##### **Budget and Finance**

Mayor Eury shared the information for the monthly report in the absence of Commissioner Barbee. In the general fund, revenues are at 58% while expenditures are at 44%. In water fund, revenues are 59% and expenditures are 35% and in sewer fund, revenues are 45% and expenditures are 31%.

##### **Cemetery and Streets**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner F Smith for the report. Commissioner F Smith shared the staff continues maintenance for the cemetery and streets. The department also added stone and cleaned up roads, swept Main Street and replaced signs as needed.

##### **Police Department**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter for the police report. Commissioner Carpenter confirmed with Officer Teague that enforcing speed has increased since they received their radar certifications. Commissioner Carpenter shared the report for December. Commissioner Carpenter shared that Officer Teague, Officer Morris and Chief Preslar are also LIDAR certified.

##### **Parks and Recreation**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Latoya Jackson for the Parks and Recreation Department report. Commissioner Jackson proposed to increase ball field rentals and lighting as follows:

- Increase ball field rental fees at the District Park to \$25/hour (up from \$20/hour) and \$25/hour for lights (up from \$15/hour)
- At Long Street Park, increase the rental on ballfields to \$20/hour (up from \$15/hour) and lights to \$20/hour (up from \$15/hour)

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to increase the ball field rental and the lighting as stated above. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously. Commissioner Jackson also shared that soccer signups are going on through the end of February. She mentioned registration forms are at the town hall and also on the website.

### **Planning and Zoning Department**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter. He shared that the next meeting will be Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6pm.

### **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 also cleaned out the lines. Commissioner Smith stated the department inspected the startup of the sewer pump at the new BP Big Lick store.

In the water department, the staff worked on repair and new installation of water meters as well as new water taps. Water line repairs and flushing lines for quality control were also part of their work. The Lighthouse Water Tank mixer was installed and completed by Southern Corrosion.

### **Historic Preservation Commission**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Fred Smith. Commissioner Smith stated there is no report and shared that the next meeting is Monday, January 29, 2026 at 6pm.

### **RRRPO**

Mayor Eury shared there was not any updates.

### **Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Carpenter thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Jackson also thanked everyone for coming. She mentioned she hoped all goes through for the Steeds. Commissioner Jackson thanked the board for their hard work.

Commissioner Fred Smith thanked everyone for coming and wished them a safe trip home.

Commissioner Bud Smith thanked everyone for coming and for their participation.

Mayor Eury thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He said it's tough to hear concerns sometimes, but it's necessary. He alerted everyone that meetings aren't supposed to have people speaking out unless they have signed up and been called upon during public forum. Mayor Eury advised everyone to be prepared for the weather.

Mayor Eury shared that the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, February 16, 2026 at 7pm.

#### Closed Session

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go into closed session for Contracts (G.S.143-318.11(5)) and Personnel (G.S.143-318.11(6)). Commissioner Fred Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

#### Open Session

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Fred Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to increase Anthony Gasparaini, Maintenance Supervisor, to \$28.35/hour. Commissioner B Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

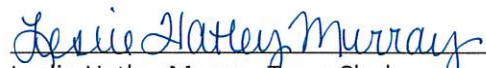
Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to increase Cole Conrad, Maintenance Technician, to \$22.50/hour. Commissioner B Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to increase Sarah Hall, Utility Billing Specialist, to \$20.88/hour. Commissioner B Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

#### Adjournment

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

  
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Rodney C Eury, Mayor

  
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Leslie Hatley Murray, Town Clerk