



**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**The Joyce H Little Board Room**  
**Monday, December 15, 2025**  
**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. Commissioner Barbee, Mayor Eury, Commissioner Jackson and Commissioner Bud Smith were present. Town Administrator, Georgia Harvey, Mr. Reggie Bowers, Chief Neil Preslar, and Mr. Daniel Smith were also present. Commissioners Carpenter and F Smith were 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 Jackson for the devotions. Commissioner Jackson shared a Christmas devotion from Isaiah 6:9.

**Approvals**

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

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the agenda without the closed session. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2025. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes from November 17, 2025. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

**Open Forum**

Mayor Eury read our policy on the open forum.

Mr. Chris Huneycutt was called upon to speak first. He thanked the Town of Oakboro for keeping the devotions in the meetings and thanked them for the beautiful Christmas decorations and the successful parade. He thanked the board for what they are doing.

Mr. Wayne Wilson spoke second. He spoke and shared he has lived in Oakboro for about 4 years now and about 2.5 years ago, he got a plot from the county of his land. He did not know there were roads that were unopened. He talked with Mr. Mike Efirm at the time. He then went to Ms. Harvey and talked to her at which time she advised the board had put road closings on hold. He mentioned he has

changed his mind on what streets he would like closed. It's no longer three roads. He would like the back of the Mills property to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. The other part he would like to have closed is from 12<sup>th</sup> Street to Center Street. Those properties involve just him. If he would like to build a building, it would be on these sections. Mayor Rodney Eury shared that the board would discuss this information and Ms. Harvey would get back to him.

Mr. Walter Russell thanked the board for getting the gravel on Wade Road. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **Administration**

Mayor Eury referred to Ms. Harvey, Town Administrator for an update. Ms. Harvey asked the board to adopt the meeting schedule and holiday schedule for 2026. Mayor Eury entertained a motion. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to adopt the meeting schedule and holiday schedule for 2026. Commissioner B Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

### **Department Updates**

#### **Budget and Finance**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Barbee for the monthly report. In the general fund, revenues are at 49% while expenditures are at 39%. In water fund, revenues are 50% and expenditures are 30% and in sewer fund, revenues are 37% and expenditures are 27%.

Commissioner Barbee made a motion to give the full-time employees \$800 as a one-time bonus and to give a \$300 one-time bonus to part time employees. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

#### **Cemetery and Streets**

Mayor Eury shared information for cemetery and streets because Commissioner Carpenter was absent. Mayor Eury shared that the staff continues on the maintenance of the cemetery and streets. The Christmas Tree lighting and parade were well attended. He shared the new Christmas lights look great! Additionally, NCDOT has completed a sidewalk access ramp upgrade to Main Street. Mayor Eury also shared that stone has been applied to needed areas on gravel roads, and potholes and road cuts have had repairs completed. Carrie Drive, end of East Third Street and West Seventh Street were also paved this past week and other roads will be paved in early spring of 2026. Mayor Eury shared the next leaf pickup will be January 14, 2025 by Waste Management Services. He also shared the next limb and bulk pickup will be tomorrow, December 16, 2025 as well as Tuesday, January 20, 2025.

#### **Police Department**

Mayor Eury referred to Chief Preslar for the police report since Commissioner Carpenter was absent. Chief Preslar shared the OPD calls for November as well as that Oakboro Police Department is participating in the Governor's Safety Highway program. Additionally, Officer Cody Teague is now radar certified. Chief Preslar also shared that the police department made arrests on Hatley Burris Road in

reference to a 4-wheeler and dirt bikes on the road. Oakboro and Stanly County Sheriff's Department has received multiple complaints on these being on the road all times of the night.

#### **Parks and Recreation**

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Latoya Jackson for the Parks and Recreation Department report. She shared that basketball is currently open for grades K-5. Commissioner Jackson also noted that the town hall back door now has a new awning and new lighting. The old one was removed when it was leaking in 2024. She also shared that town hall has a "Letters to Santa" mailbox at the front door through Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. She reminded everyone to get their letters in so that Santa and the Elves can write back. The ball field lighting is set to ship the first of February and the installation should be before spring athletics. Lastly, she thanked everyone who contributed to the Oakboro tree lighting and Christmas parade.

#### **Planning and Zoning Department**

Mayor Eury shared that the next meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6pm. Commissioner Carpenter was absent.

#### **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. They also repaired the air release on the sewer force main. The staff worked hard to ensure generators were in place at sewer pump stations with the recent electrical outage. Commissioner B Smith shared there was a request for sewer services on Hatley Burris Road (outside of town limits). Ms. Harvey explained no services for residential outside of town limits was allowed at this time; however, she requested an official answer from the board. The tie in would be in a force main line serving Forrest Creek and Streamside Subdivisions if this was allowed. The board agreed that was what they discussed and that her answer was correct.

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. He also shared the team repaired a 12-inch water line and other various leaks. Commissioner Smith referred to Mr. Reggie Bowers for an explanation of the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and shared that the next meeting is Monday, December 29, 2025 at 6pm.

#### **RRRPO**

Mayor Eury shared there were no updates.

**Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Jackson thanked everyone for coming. She also thanked all those who spoke at the meeting, Chris, Walter and Mr. Wilson. She wishes everyone a great Christmas season. She said a special thanks to the town employees. She also thanked Ms. Harvey and the administration for the nice Christmas party. She thanked the board and shared she enjoyed working with them.

Commissioner Barbee said it was good to see everyone tonight. He also said to remember that Jesus is the reason for the season. He thanked staff for being at the meeting tonight and showing up to do their jobs each day. He finished by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

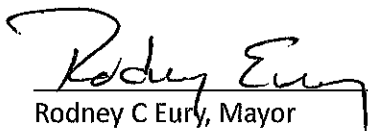
Commissioner B Smith thanked Mr. Wilson for sharing his comments. He also thanked Chris and stated it was always good to hear some positive feedback. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas. He thanked the town employees for keeping the town running. It's special to have those kinds of people. He thanked everyone for coming and shared for everyone to stay safe.

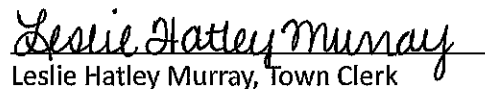
Mayor Eury echoed what the others said and thanked everyone for coming. He also thanked everyone who spoke at the meeting. He thanked Chris for his positive comments. He also thanked our staff, Georgia, Leslie, Reggie, Daniel and Chief Preslar. He said the town couldn't run without these folks. He also thanked the board and feels like it has been a really good year. He appreciates all the work everyone puts in. He wishes everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mayor Eury shared that the next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 at 7pm due to the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday on Monday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. He also shared that there will be a work session on Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 9am.

**Adjournment**

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

  
Rodney C Eury, Mayor

  
Leslie Hatley Murray, Town Clerk