



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
The Joyce H Little Board Room
February 16, 2026 - 7:00 PM

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 Bud Smith and Commissioner Fred Smith were present. Town Administrator, Georgia Harvey, Mr. Reggie Bowers, and Chief Neil Preslar were also present. Officers Bradshaw, James, Teague, and Morris, Senior Officers Allen and McClellan were also present for the swearing in of Senior Officer McClellan.

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 F Smith for the devotions. Commissioner F Smith shared Proverbs 23:18 and then opened in prayer.

Approvals

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the minutes from January 10, 2026 and January 20, 2026. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes for January 10, 2026 and January 20, 2026. Commissioner F Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Swearing in New Officer

Town Clerk, Leslie Murray, swore in Senior Officer Brian McClellan. He was congratulated by everyone.

Open Forum

Mayor Eury read our policy on the open forum.

Mr. Jason Eschert was called upon to speak. Mr. Eschert asked if the sidewalks had been discussed. He specifically referred to the sidewalks from Ruby's Ridge to Oakboro and South Oakboro to Main Street. Mayor Eury informed Mr. Eschert that the sidewalk grant for the sidewalk from the District Park to the Oakboro Railroad Museum was not given to Oakboro.

Mr. Eschert also spoke on the Taurus that the police department has. He stated they were a two-year package.

He also mentioned that on August 1, 2022 the board voted to have two police officers on duty at all times. Mayor Eury referred to Chief Preslar. Chief Preslar stated that right now we have a day, mid and night shift.

Second to speak in open forum was Mr. Walter Russell. Mr. Russell stated he wanted a copy of the 2025 audit. Ms. Harvey told him we would get him a copy. He also asked about the Flock cameras. Mayor Eury referred to Chief Preslar. Chief Preslar stated that the town would receive eight cameras and that the process has been started. Mr. Russell also stated he was unsure about where the \$70,000 for the vehicle went and how it would be accounted for since the new vehicle was around \$45,000.

Mr. Russell also mentioned there were still speeders on Hatley Burris Road. Chief Preslar explained about the town limits and the ETJ and that our police officers spend the majority of the time in the town limits but as they go out to Forrest Creek Subdivision, they do keep an eye out for speeders.

Last, Mr. Russell mentioned he would like to do a ride along. Chief Preslar explained we did have a ride along program and he could get with him to figure out a time.

Administration

Mayor Eury referred to Ms. Harvey. Ms. Harvey did not have any information at this time.

Department Updates

Budget and Finance

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Barbee for the budget report. Commissioner Barbee shared that our monthly budget report showing the general fund revenues are at 75%, expenses are at 51%. In water fund, the revenues are at 67% and expenses are at 43% and the sewer fund shows revenues at 52% and expenses at 35%. Commissioner Barbee asked Ms. Harvey if she had anything to add. She did not.

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 January. He thanked the police department for their hard work during the winter storms.

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Latoya Jackson for the Parks and Recreation Department report. Commissioner Jackson shared that the ball field lights were being updated to LED lights at the District Park which was expected to begin on February 23 and last about two weeks. She also shared that spring soccer signups were underway for children ages 3-15. The signups will go through the end of February.

Commissioner Jackson shared the Uwharrie Senior Games registration was underway for all Stanly County residents ages 50 and up. She suggested those who were interested to read more at the Albemarle Parks and Recreation website.

Last, Commissioner Jackson shared that the Farmers Market will move to Fridays for this year. The time will be 8am until 1pm each Friday, May to October. This will allow for no overlaps at other markets around the county.

Planning and Zoning Department

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter. He shared that the next regular meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2026 at 6pm. He also shared that the Planning and Zoning Board and the Board of Commissioners will have a joint meeting on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 9am.

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. Commissioner Smith stated the department also cleaned out sewer lines and laterals and repair pump stations.

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 department also dealt with multiple repairs to water lines, connections, valve breaks at Oaks at St. Martin and more from the winter storms. Commissioner Smith commended the staff for their hard work during the winter storms.

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, February 23, 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 congratulated Senior Officer Brian McClellan and welcomed him to Oakboro.

Commissioner Barbee thanked the town for the hard work on getting a clean audit report. He mentioned the sidewalks were coming. Commissioner Barbee also thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Fred Smith thanked everyone for coming.

Commissioner Bud Smith thanked everyone for their attendance. He commended Chief Preslar for getting another good officer. He also thanked Leslie Murray and Georgia Harvey for their hard work. Finally, he thanked all staff for the hard work all the time especially during the winter storms.

Mayor Eury echoed what the commissioners said. He also mentioned that there had been complaints about the train. The town is aware. He stated that Ms. Harvey has reached out to the railroad company but because we are a small town, it's not going to get their attention. He did explain the railroad company is changing cars out and there are three different areas for this. That is the reason for the traffic backup.

Mayor Eury shared that the next regular meeting will be held on Monday, March 16, 2026 at 7pm. He also mentioned that the Council of Government meeting would be held on February 24 at 6:30p at the District Park Community Building. It was Oakboro's time to host this event. Finally, Mayor Eury reminded everyone about the joint meeting with the planning and zoning board on Saturday, February 21, 2026 at 9am.

Closed Session

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Barbee 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 Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Open Session

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

Commissioner Barbee made a motion to go with Anderson, Wike and Smith for our 2026 audit. This will be a 3-year contract. Commissioner F Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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