



**Town  
of  
Oakboro**  
Established in 1915  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**The Joyce H Little Board Room**  
**March 16, 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. Commissioner Barbee, Commissioner Carpenter, Mayor Eury, Commissioner Jackson, Commissioner Bud Smith and Commissioner Fred Smith were present. Town Administrator, Georgia Harvey, Mr. Reggie Bowers, Mr. Daniel Smith, Officer Teague and Chief Neil Preslar 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 shared from Matthew 8:28-38.

**Approvals**

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the agenda as printed. Commissioner Jackson 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 February 16, 2026 and February 21, 2026. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the minutes for February 16, 2026 and February 21, 2026. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

**Mr. Lanny Hathcock**

He wanted to remind everyone of the opening of the Cruise In season. He shared that the cruise in was not a town function but was put together over 20 years ago by Mr. Jerry Crayton. He thanked the town employees involved and also thanked several businesses and other individuals who have helped make the Cruise In a continued success. He presented each one with a carved wooden plaque. Lastly, Mr Hathcock reminded everyone the cruise ins start on Friday, March 27, 2026.

**Open Forum**

Mayor Eury read our policy on the open forum.

Mrs. Erica Steed signed up to speak and Mayor Eury called upon her. She spoke to the board about the issue with tapping onto the sewer system. She and her husband own land on Hatley Burris Road and would like to build but they are in need of sewer. Mrs. Steed shared information with the board and there was some discussion.

### **Administration**

Mayor Eury referred to Ms. Harvey. Ms. Harvey shared she would like for the board to set a public hearing for the next meeting on April 20, 2026 at 6:45pm for the rezoning request at 8631 NC 205 Highway from RA to R20. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to set the public hearing on April 20, 2026 at 6:45pm. Commissioner Bud Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

### **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 60%. In water fund, the revenues are at 77% and expenses are at 46% and the sewer fund shows revenues at 61% and expenses at 43%. 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 February.

#### **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 now complete at the District Park. Spring soccer is currently underway as signups recently ended. 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 til 1pm each Friday, May to October. This will allow for no overlaps at other markets around the county. In addition, she also reminded everyone of the cruise ins starting this month.

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

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter. He shared that the Planning and Zoning board will hold a worksession on Thursday, March 26, 2026 at 6pm regarding Land Use Planning. He also mentioned that the next regular meeting for the Planning and Zoning Department will be on Monday, April 13, 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. Commissioner Smith stated the department also cleaned out sewer lines and laterals and repaired 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, March 30, 2026 at 6pm.

### **RRRPO**

Mayor Eury shared there were no updates.

### **Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Carpenter thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He thanked Chief Preslar and Daniel Smith for all of their hard work.

Commissioner Jackson thanked everyone for being present and thanked all of the town employees for their work.

Commissioner Barbee stated it was good to see everyone and thanked the staff for their hard work. He also mentioned to Mrs. Steed the board would discuss her request.

Commissioner Fred Smith thanked everyone for coming out. He also thanked Mr. Reggie Bowers and his crew as well as the parks department.

Commissioner Bud Smith thanked Mr. Lanny Hathcock for recognizing people about the Cruise In. He also commented to Mrs. Erica Steed about her persistence and that it impressed him that she keeps working for her family. He thanked all of the departments and mentioned that the town has a great staff now. He mentioned the town was not in a good place in 2024, but that the town has rebounded and have improved.

Mayor Eury thanked Mrs. Steed for coming back to the board. He also thanked Mr. Lanny Hathcock for recognizing those involved with the Cruise In. He said it was nice to be recognized. He also thanked everyone for coming out. Last, he acknowledged the staff's hard work and mentioned that it does not go unnoticed.

**Closed Session**

Mayor Eury mentioned the board has a need for closed session and entertained a motion to move into closed session. Commissioner Jackson made a motion to go into closed session for personnel (G.S. 143.318.11(6)). Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

**Open Session**

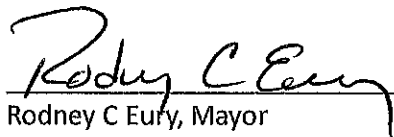
Commissioner Barbee made a motion to enter back into open session. Commissioner Bud Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

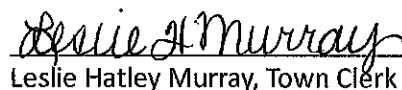
Commissioner Jackson made a motion to continue services with Officer Craig Bradshaw at the maximum hours and pay to not exceed the state pay or hours. Officer Bradshaw will not have any benefits or retirement.

Mayor Eury mentioned that the next meeting for the Board of Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026 at 6pm. This will be a planning session.

**Adjournment**

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

  
Rodney C Eury, Mayor

  
Leslie Hatley Murray, Town Clerk