



BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Minutes
The Joyce H Little Board Room
April 20, 2026 – 6:45 PM

Public Hearing

The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss a rezoning request from RA to R20 for 8631 NC 205 Highway, Oakboro, NC, PIN #650301164454. The tax number for this property is 939. The property is located in the ETJ zoning. Mayor Eury asked for anyone for the rezoning to speak. No one spoke. Mayor Eury asked for anyone against the rezoning to speak. No one spoke. Mayor Eury closed the public hearing.

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 Bud Smith and Commissioner Fred Smith were present. Town Administrator, Georgia Harvey, Mr. Reggie Bowers, Mr. Daniel Smith, and Chief Neil Preslar were also present. Commissioner Jackson was absent at the beginning but arrived around 7:30pm.

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 Fred Smith for the devotions. Commissioner F Smith read a verse and prayed to open the meeting.

Approvals

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

Mayor Eury entertained a motion to approve the minutes from March 3, 2026 and March 16, 2026. Commissioner F Smith made a motion to approve the minutes for March 3, 2026 and March 16, 2026. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Public Hearing Decision

Mayor Eury called for a decision on the public hearing from the earlier meeting. Commissioner Barbee read the Statement of Consistency. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to approve the Statement of Consistency. Commissioner Barbee seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Mayor Eury asked for a motion to approve the rezoning request for 8631 NC 205 Highway contingent on the property owner dividing the property into two lots: one lot R20 meeting the UDO of 20,000 square feet minimum, with the remaining lot continuing as RA. Commissioner Carpenter made the above motion and Commissioner F Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Open Forum

Mayor Eury opened the time for public forum.

Mayor Eury called upon Ms. Pam Moss that had signed up. She expressed a concern for the need to record the meetings especially with the budget meetings coming up. She asked if this had been discussed. She mentioned a week is not long enough for her to plan to be at the meetings.

National Day of Prayer

Mayor Eury read the Proclamation for the National Day of Prayer and declared Thursday, May 7, 2026 as a National Day of Prayer in Oakboro.

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 77%, expenses are at 67%. In water fund, the revenues are at 86% and expenses are at 52% and the sewer fund shows revenues at 68% and expenses at 46%.

Commissioner Barbee mentioned there was a need to set the filing fees for the 2026 election. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to set the filing fees at \$25 for Mayor and \$25 for Commissioner. Commissioner Carpenter seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

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 picked up limbs and bulk this past week. He also shared there will be no scheduled pickups again by the town until the fall. Commissioner F Smith did add that on Saturday, May 2, Waste Management will be picking up bulk for disposal; however, they could not accept limbs, tires or appliances.

Police Department

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter for the police report. Commissioner Carpenter called on Chief Preslar. Chief Preslar shared their numbers are tracking the same for the various calls. He also mentioned that the department is in the middle of the trial for the flock cameras. He shared that our flock camera was able to catch someone from a Union County case who was hanging around Oakboro. It was worth it to solve crimes in real time.

Parks and Recreation

Mayor Eury shared Commissioner Latoya Jackson was absent. He referred to Mr. Daniel Smith for the Parks and Recreation Department report. Mr. Smith shared that Faith Alive Ministries brought their kickball tournament to our Oakboro District Park for the first time. He mentioned that the town enjoyed having them. He and the organization had already discussed how to improve for next year. Mr. Smith also shared that Oakboro hosted the Senior Games Disc Golf Event on April 1, 2026. He encouraged those age 50+ to participate. Regarding the Farmers Market, Mr. Smith reminded everyone that it will begin the first Friday in May, which is May 1, 2026. He shared the day was changed to Fridays to avoid conflict with other farmers markets around the county. The hours will be 8am-1pm. Finally, Mr. Smith mentioned the Cruise In this month would be held on this coming Friday, April 24, 2026.

Planning and Zoning Department

Mayor Eury referred to Commissioner Carpenter. He shared that the next regular meeting will be Monday, May 11, 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 and pump station.

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. Mr. Reggie Bowers shared that the Oaks at St. Martin had done a lot of blasting the previous week. The construction company also was trying to cut down on the dust in the area. He also shared that he now has a device that will locate for Diamond Maps. Mayor Eury added that the fire department would be testing some more fire hydrants in the upcoming weeks.

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, April 27, 2026 at 6pm.

Commissioner F Smith also shared the crosswalks look great. Ms. Harvey agreed and stated our staff takes great pride in their work.

RRRPO

Mayor Eury shared the only update was a survey they had put out. They are looking for information on transportation. Mayor Eury had a QR code they could scan to take the survey. This information as also posted on Facebook earlier today.

Mayor and Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Bud Smith recognized a lot of the town staff for their hard work. He realizes how hard Mr. Daniel Smith, Chief Neil Preslar, Mr. Reggie Bowers, Ms. Georgia Harvey and Mrs. Leslie Murray as well as all of the other employees. He thanked them all for taking pride in their work. He also mentioned how thankful he was for Rodney Hahn and also shared that he was retiring. He shared that Rodney is the epitome of the good workers that we have in this town. He said Rodney never looks for any accolades and will definitely be missed. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Commissioner Fred Smith mentioned he walked in the park today and how great it looked. He appreciates all of the hard work the parks and recreation department put into making our park look great. He thanked everyone for coming out.

Commissioner Barbee mentioned that the flock cameras were a huge investment for this town and he is so glad the town has these assets now as they are advantageous to the department and keeping everyone safe. Regarding the National Day of Prayer, Commissioner Barbee mentioned he hoped everyone would attend. It's huge and any time you can praise our Lord, it's worth it. He also encouraged folks to come out to the Cruise In this coming Friday. It was also nice to see the park full during the Faith Alive Ministries event. He was in the dunking booth. He mentioned that someone had mentioned Oakboro having a kickball league – kids and adults intertwined together. He mentioned to Mr. Smith he might look into this.

Commissioner Carpenter thanked Ms. Moss for speaking and he assured her that the board would discuss that option. Flock cameras are a wonderful thing. He asked everyone to attend the National Day of Prayer and finished by thanking everyone for coming.

Mayor Eury echoed what everyone else shared and that the flock cameras were a huge asset. He mentioned if it saves the life of one person it's worth it. He also asked everyone to attend the National Day of Prayer. He thanked the town staff for their dedication and hard work. He thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting and invited them back to the next meeting. He shared there was a budget and planning meeting on April 21, 2026 at 6:30pm and the next regular meeting is Monday, May 18, 2026.

Closed Session

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

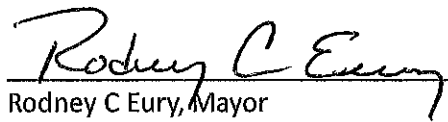
Open Session

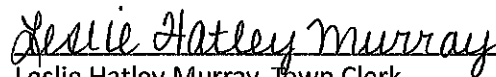
Mayor Eury entertained a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Carpenter made a motion to go back into open session. Commissioner Jackson seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Barbee made a motion to go with Trash Control for our garbage and recycle pickup for the new fiscal year. Commissioner Bud Smith seconded. Voted and carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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


Rodney C Eury, Mayor


Leslie Hatley Murray, Town Clerk