

REGULAR MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2007

The regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mayor Dees at 7:30 p.m. Commissioners Luther, Smith, Gorman, Legge, and Collins were present.

Others present were Interim Town Manager Bob Nicholl, Town Attorney William R. Davis, Police Chief John Hodges, and Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin.

Mayor Dees called for a moment of silence in memory of Police Sergeant Heath Hardin.

Rev. Garry Ballance, Victory Baptist Church, gave the invocation and Commissioner Legge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA.

There were none.

2. STATUS REPORT ON HOPE MILLS LAKE/DAM PROJECT.

Progress Report
Hope Mills Dam Repair
January 18, 2007

A Pre-Bid Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at the Hope Mills Town Hall to allow contractors to ask questions about both the Dam Repair project and the Lake Clearing project. The design team answered questions about construction sequencing, permit limitations and access to the site. We also made a trip to the site for those contractors who had additional questions.

Hope Mills Dam Repair Bids will be received on Tuesday, January 30, 2007 at the Hope Mills Town Hall. We are currently addressing Requests For Information (RFI's) from contractors and preparing addendum's to the contract documents. Five contractors were pre-qualified to submit bids on this project. One has since elected not to submit a bid. Those contractors who will be submitting bids are:

- 1) Brayman Construction
- 2) Crowder Construction
- 3) Hayward Baker
- 4) T.A. Loving.

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Hope Mills Lake Clearing Bidding is in progress and we are currently addressing RFI's from plan holders and preparing addendum's to the contract documents. Bids will be received on January 26, 2007 as outlined in the contract documents. Current plan holders include:

Out on a Limb, Inc.
W Clearing & Grading
Southeastern
J-MAC, Inc.
ES& J
Phillips and Jordan, Inc.
McClam and Associates
Triangle Paving
West Contracting
Roberson Contracting, Inc.
Saffo Contractors
Woodland Management Corporation
Conner Construction Co.

3. STATUS REPORT ON RECREATION CENTER.

Mayor Dees read the following report received from Parks and Recreation Director Anita Kilgore:

Basketball games started January 6th in the new Recreation Center Gym, as well as both gyms at South View High School, Hope Mills Middle School Gym, and South View Middle School Gym, where we hold instructional camps for 5 and 6 year olds.

On Saturday, the Recreation Center has anywhere from 150 to 200 people moving in and out for the 7 basketball games that are held hourly each Saturday now through February 17th. Although there are no bleachers, all the family members and fans are having a great time and things are running very well.

Beginning February 3, 2007 we welcome back Young Champions of America who will offer Cheerleading, Hip Hop and Karate for ages 4 to 18 years. We miss the great programs Young Champions of America offered and look forward to their return.

The percentage received from Young Champions of America generates about \$700 to \$1,000 monthly in revenues for the Town.

As soon as the Recreation Department has the okay to purchase furnishings for the Recreation Center we will begin the ordering process.

The Recreation Department has completed the proposed fee schedule for review by the Parks & Recreation Committee at their next meeting on January 23, 2007. We plan to have that information available for the Board's approval by the February 5th Board meeting.

4. PRESENTATIONS:

- a) **Presentation and introduction by Hope Mills Police Department - Canine Unit.**

Mayor Dees introduced Officer Lee Sumners and Boo, and reported they had received certification from the International Police Dog Work Association and accredited as a Police Service

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Dog
Team; received accreditation as a narcotic detection dog team;
Boo
has successfully completed a course in trailing, evidence,
search,
and narcotic detection; and Officer Sumners has completed a
course
in Criminal Interdiction.

Mayor Dees presented Officer Sumners with the Canine
Officers
Badge, and welcomed Boo to the Hope Mills Police Department.

**b) Presentation by VFW Post #10630 Police Officer and
Firefighter of the Year Award.**

Post Commander Mark Bergman presented Police Sergeant
Jeffrey
L. Sports a certificate of appreciation and recognition as being
selected the VFW Post Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Sergeant Sports commented he was honored to receive the
award
and recalled a special memory of Sergeant Heath Hardin who said
he
was very proud of him for receiving this award.

Senior Vice-Commander Jessie Bellflowers presented a
certificate of appreciation and special recognition to
Firefighter
Jason Bullock for Firefighter of the Year Award.

Firefighter Bullock thanked the VFW Post and the Fire
Department for this award.

Commander Bergman read a letter from the VFW Department of
North Carolina announcing and congratulating Sergeant Sports for
winning the VFW Law Enforcement Gold Medal Award for 2006 - 2007
from the Department of North Carolina. Commander Bergman said
this
award was given by the VFW annually to recognize the State's top
Law Enforcement Officer serving in a municipal, county, state, or
federal unit tasked with enforcement of laws pertaining to their
area of responsibility.

Senior Vice-Commander Bellflowers read a letter from VFW
Department of North Carolina announcing and congratulating
Firefighter Jason Bullock for winning the VFW Firefighter Gold
Medal Award for 2006 - 2007 from the Department of North Carolina
and stated the award was given by the VFW annually to recognize
the
State's top individual who actively fights fires as a member of a
public or volunteer company organized to fight fires and give
assistance to the nation's citizens.

Commander Bergman noted the Gold Medal Awards would be
presented at a ceremony on February 25th.

On behalf of VFW Post #10630, Commander Bergman presented a
\$100 check to Chief Hodges for the St. Heath Hardin Memorial
Fund.

At this time, Mayor Dees recognized Mrs. Shelly Hardin who
was in the audience.

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5. PRESENTATION OF FY 03-04 AUDIT REPORT BY HAIGH, BYRD, & LAMBERT, CPA'S.

Mr. Mark Hedgepeth, Haigh, Byrd & Lambert, reported he had met with the Audit Committee and reviewed in detail the audit and financial statements for the Town as of June 30, 2004. Mr. Hedgepeth stated the audit report was required by state statutes, and gave a brief overview of the audit format. Mr. Hedgepeth referred to the independent auditor's statement which rendered a clean opinion. Further, Mr. Hedgepeth noted the management's discussion and analysis and briefly reviewed the findings. Mr. Hedgepeth reported the Town's cash position as of June 30, 2004 was \$4,182,000.00 and was up approximately \$540,000.00 from the previous fiscal year report.

Mr. Hedgepeth noted some compliance issues and reported expenditures made in the general fund exceeded authorized appropriations for the Fire Department by \$24,760.00 and the Sanitation Department by \$20,569.00. He stated the over expenditure in the Fire Department occurred because of unplanned payroll expenditures and staffing a temporary station location, and the over expenditure in the Sanitation Department was the result of underbudgeted landfill fees charged by Cumberland County. Mr. Hedgepeth stated in both instances, the Town had sufficient funds available to correct these over expenditures by transferring amounts between departments had the budget been monitored more closely. Additionally, Mr. Hedgepeth noted two other compliance issues, one being Phase II Stormwater Drainage Project having a deficient fund balance of \$39,049.00, but the budget transfer in the amount of \$40,000.00 from the general fund was not made until the following year leaving the project in a deficient for fiscal year ending 2004. Also, Mr. Hedgepeth stated that annual reports required to be filed with the North Carolina Local Government Commission and other agencies were materially delinquent. He said there were a number of factors which contributed to this situation and the Town Manager and Board of Commissioners were working to develop safeguards to guard against this situation re-occurring in the future.

In summary, Mr. Hedgepeth stated the Town's financial position as of June 30, 2004 was good; revenues exceeded expenditures, and overall results exceeded budgetary expectations. Mr. Hedgepeth encouraged the Board to stay informed and involved in the operations of the Town. He stated the Town needed strong leadership, and there were a number of issues facing the Board and it was very important to incorporate long range planning. Mr. Hedgepeth thanked the staff for all their assistance.

Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the fiscal year 2003-2004 audit with the condition that after completion of the three delinquent audits the Town conduct an internal control review, perform a comprehensive fraud risk assessment, and create an up to date comprehensive policy manual with policies and procedures for all town employees. Commissioner Smith seconded the

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motion.

Commissioner Smith commented the revenues exceeded the expenditures and noted it was his understanding that the violations mentioned could have been corrected through simple budget amendments if the budget had been closely monitored. Mr. Hedgepeth responded that was correct if the amendments had been made prior to July 1, 2004.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

There were none.

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Dees presented the consent agenda and asked if there were any items the Commissioners wished to move to the regular agenda for discussion.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Commissioner Gorman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- a) **Consideration to approve Minutes of the December 18, 2006 Regular Meeting, and Minutes of the Closed Sessions (Sealed) November 6, 2006; November 20, 2006; November 27, 2006; and December 4, 2006.**

Minutes approved as written.

- b) **Consideration to adopt Second Amendment to Use and Operating Agreement between the County of Cumberland and the Town of Hope Mills for the Recreation Center.**

NORTH CAROLINA
CUMBERLAND COUNTY

THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO USE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS, to that certain USE AND OPERATING AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND AND THE TOWN OF HOPE MILLS entered into as of July 1, 2004 and as amended as of July 1, 2005 (the "Agreement") is entered into as of the 1st day of July, 2006, by the County of Cumberland ("County") and the Town of Hope Mills ("Town").

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the parties entered into the Agreement for the purpose of designing and constructing a recreation center at Hope Mills Municipal Park to be constructed in the southern part of the County.

WHEREAS, the parties also by entering into the Agreement desired to more effectively deliver parks and recreation services to citizens of the County in and in the vicinity of the town.

NOW, THEREFORE in consideration of these premises the County and the Town do now agree to enter into the following First Amendment to the Agreement as follows:

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Monday, August 20, 2007

Monday, February 18, 2008

ADOPTED the 18th day of January, 2007.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Phyllis C. Register, MMC, Town Clerk

Resolution adopted.

"END CONSENT AGENDA"

8. CONSIDERATION TO ACCEPT \$74,732.95 GRANT FOR RADIOS, WARRANTY AND INSTALLATION OF 800 MHZ RADIOS FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Mayor Dees stated Fire Chief Chuck Hodges was unable to be present at the meeting due to a medical emergency and provided the following report in his absence.

Fire Chief Chuck Hodges reported that the Hope Mills Fire Department along with the other fire departments in Cumberland County through the Cumberland County Fire Chiefs Association had applied for and received a grant to purchase 800 MHZ radios. He stated the Fire Department's share of the grant totaled \$74,732.95 which included radios, warranty and installation of the radios on fire department apparatus at no cost to the town. Fire Chief Hodges requested that the governing board accept this grant.

Following brief discussion, Commissioner Collins made a motion to accept the grant. Commissioner Legge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. OLD BUSINESS: CONSIDERATION TO ADOPT CUMBERLAND COUNTY INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT TO RE-JOIN THE JOINT PLANNING BOARD.

Mr. Tom Lloyd, Cumberland County Planning Director, stated that the County was excited that Hope Mills was re-joining the Joint Planning Board. Mr. Lloyd briefly reviewed the agreement and noted one minor change. Mr. Lloyd stated that the Town would have its municipal influence area restored effective February 1, 2007.

Commissioner Legge commented regarding development standards and municipal influence area, and stated that he hoped that the County and the Town would work together on anything in the municipal influence area to make sure that it complied with the town's development standards. Mr. Lloyd confirmed that this would be the case and that was the purpose of the MIA.

Following a brief discussion, Commissioner Legge made a motion to adopt the agreement with the stipulation that the municipal influence area be included in the agreement. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

THIS JOINT UNDERTAKING AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT, made and entered into by the County of Cumberland, and the municipalities of Hope Mills, Spring Lake, Stedman, Falcon, Godwin, Wade and Linden.

W I T N E S S E T H:

In order to provide the benefits of a continuous comprehensive planning program for Cumberland County and municipalities in the county, the parties desire to provide for a Joint Planning Board pursuant to the authority of Article 20, Part 1 of Chapter 160A of the North Carolina General Statutes.

The parties recognize that there has heretofore been created and established a Joint Planning Board under a contract dated January 13, 1968 and thereafter pursuant to an Agreement approved by the Board of Commissioners of Cumberland County on May 8, 1973 and by the municipalities within Cumberland County on varying dates in 1973. The participating jurisdictions now enter into this Joint Undertaking and Interlocal Agreement for the purpose of continuing in effect, as to such participating jurisdictions, the Joint Planning Board thus established.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the execution of this agreement the parties hereto contract and agree as follows:

1. The parties hereto establish in Cumberland County one Joint Planning Board as authorized by the General Statutes of North Carolina and the same shall hereafter be continued under the terms of this agreement. The membership of the Joint Planning Board shall consist of equitable representation from each municipality and from the unincorporated areas of the County as follows:

<u>Governmental Unit</u>	<u>Number of Members to be Appointed</u>
Cumberland County Board of Commissioners	4
Spring Lake Board of Alderman	1
Hope Mills Board of Town Commissioners	1
Stedman Board of Town Commissioners	1
Aldermen of the Town of Linden	1
The Board of Commissioners of the Towns of Wade, Godwin and Falcon	1

TOTAL

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2. The term of membership of the Joint Planning Board shall be for four years. No member shall serve more than two full terms, except that, upon recommendation of two-thirds of the Joint Planning Board it may recommend a third full term to the governing board making the appointment.
3. The by-laws of the Joint Planning Board, and any amendment thereof, shall be approved by the Joint Planning Board and by the governing boards of the jurisdictions representing a majority in voting interest of the Joint Planning Board.
4. The Joint Planning Board shall be the designated planning agency for the participating jurisdictions. It shall be responsible for developing a continuing comprehensive planning program for the entire county and each participating municipality in the county by working from the existing plans of each city and town in the county to improve and develop the same and incorporate such planning into a comprehensive plan extending throughout the County. In developing the continuing comprehensive planning program, the Joint Planning Board shall give due regard to the study priorities and requests for special study effort provided by participating jurisdictions. Any participating jurisdiction may delegate all or part of its subdivision control and zoning programs to the Joint Planning Board. All recommendations as to zoning and subdivision control, as delegated by each participating municipality, shall be made to the governing boards of the jurisdiction in which the property to be affected is situated, and to the County Board of Commissioners as to areas outside of incorporated municipal limits.
5. The Joint Planning Board will make, or cause to be made under its supervision, the basic studies necessary to maintain a continuing long range comprehensive program. It shall be the duty of the Joint Planning Board to report to each participating governmental unit in the county through its administrator or to the governing board when requested to do so, furnishing information and recommendations regarding the needs, conditions, resources, and plans to meet the needs for the development and orderly growth of the county and participating jurisdictions. The Joint Planning Board shall have, and the governing boards of the participating jurisdictions hereby delegate to the Joint Planning Board, all of the powers, authority and functions provided in the General Statutes of North Carolina for and to municipal and county planning boards.
6. The Board of Commissioners will, to each member municipality of the Joint Planning Board, establish an area of municipal influence, referred to hereafter as a

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Municipal Influence Area, and will apply and enforce development standards of each member municipality of the Joint Planning Board, to and for development within that area unless otherwise approved or waived by that municipality's governing board. These municipal development regulations will be pre-empted, however, by state and/or federal regulations when applicable. An official map of each municipality's MIA will be kept on file in the County Planning and Inspections Department.

7. The Joint Planning Board shall be provided with a Director and a technical staff sufficient to perform its functions and to carry out such subdivision control and zoning programs as are delegated to it by any participating jurisdiction. The County will provide suitable office space and equipment for the Joint Planning Board and the staff.

8 In the event of vacancy in the position of Planning Director, the Planning Board will promptly appoint some other member of the planning staff as "Acting Director" to serve as Director until the successor Director is selected and takes office. The selection of the Director shall be carried out in the following manner: First, the Planning Board may make timely recommendations of one or more qualified persons believed to be good prospects for the position and furnish the names and biographical data on each such prospect to the County Manager. The managers and/or administrators of all participating jurisdictions shall serve as a committee to choose the new Director after appropriate study, interviews, and consultations with their respective governing boards. The Director shall be nominated by majority vote of this committee. The County Board of Commissioners shall appoint the Director upon recommendation of the committee. The committee shall not be limited to the recommendations of the Joint Planning Board and the County Board of Commissioners shall not be limited to the recommendations of the committee. The County Board of Commissioners shall have authority to terminate the employment of the Planning Director.

9. The staff of the Planning Department herein provided for shall be selected and supervised by the Planning Director and employed as County employees in compliance with the personnel policies of the County. All such employees will serve under the direction and supervision of the Director of the Planning Department. The Director and his or her professional staff shall comprise the Planning Department of the County. As to all administrative matters, the Planning Department will be a department of the County, and subject to the County's personnel and fiscal policies regulations and procedures. In its planning functions, the staff will be directed and supervised by the Planning Director.

10. Each year by the time specified by the County Manager, the Planning Director shall submit a budget proposal in the format prescribed by the County Manager, with such documentation as may be required to identify and support the cost of the studies and programs recommended by the Joint Planning Board, and identifying the proposed contribution of each participating jurisdiction. In order to fund the approved budget - each municipality and the County will appropriate to the total budget less federal funds and other revenues accruing to the Joint Planning Board on a population basis using the same formula as is used in the distribution of the local sales tax revenue, adjusted as for the cost of any extra-ordinary study or program requested by any individual participating jurisdiction to be conducted by the Planning Department. Participating jurisdictions shall make their contributions to the Joint Planning Board budget on a fiscal quarter basis.

11. This agreement shall be effective upon approval and execution on behalf of the Board of Commissioners of Cumberland County and any one participating municipality in Cumberland County, and shall thereafter be effective as to any subsequent participating municipality upon approval and execution on behalf of any such subsequent participating municipality.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the participating jurisdictions have caused this agreement to be duly executed in each of their official names, by their respective duly authorized duly authorized officials, this the __ day of _____, 2007.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

By:
Chairman, Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

Clerk to the Board

TOWN OF HOPE MILLS

By:
Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

TOWN OF SPRING LAKE

By:
Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

TOWN OF STEDMAN

By:
Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

TOWN OF WADE

By:
Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

TOWN OF FALCON

By:
Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

TOWN OF GODWIN

By:
Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

TOWN OF LINDEN

By: _____
Mayor

ATTEST:

Clerk

Mr. Lloyd introduced Mr. Ed Byrne, and stated he would be the staff member assigned to Hope Mills. Mr. Byrne stated he was glad to be working with the Town again.

Mayor Dees commented that the Town was looking forward to working with the County and the Joint Planning Board again. Mayor Dees commented he had been looking at the outdated 20 year annexation plan and said he hoped to have the plan updated and presented to the Board for its consideration by the end of February or around the first of March. Mayor Dees said as soon as the annexation plan was approved by the Town Board, he would make sure that Mr. Lloyd and his staff received a copy of the report so they would know the Town's annexation priorities.

10. STAFF CONCERNS.

There were none.

11. OFFICIAL CONCERNS.

Commissioner Luther commented as follows:

1. Stated she was proud of the Police Department and Fire Department.
2. Stated that the loss of Sergeant Heath Hardin was both a loss to the community and the Police Department and extended sympathy to the family and the Police

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Department. She stated that the Police Department handled this tragedy very well.

3. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting and said more volunteers and citizen involvement was needed.

Commissioner Smith commented as follows:

1. Thanked Rev. Garry Ballance for the invocation.
2. Welcomed Boo and the new canine unit to the Police Department.
3. Congratulated Police Sergeant Sports and Firefighter Bullock on their awards, and stated he thought Hope Mills had the best departments in the state.
4. Expressed appreciation to Chief Hodges and Captain Smith and said the tributes paid to Sergeant Heath Hardin were very heart felt and this was a great loss to Hope Mills.

Commissioner Gorman commented as follows:

1. Stated he appreciated the observance of a moment of silence in memory of Sergeant Heath Hardin.
2. Stated Sergeant Hardin was an outstanding Police Officer and the memorial services were overwhelming. Commissioner Gorman expressed condolences to the family.
3. Expressed appreciation to everyone attending the meeting.
4. Stated the town had outstanding firefighters and police officers and expressed appreciation to Sergeant Sports and Firefighter Bullock for the outstanding awards.
5. Stated that Officer Summers was working very hard with Boo, and he appreciated the addition of the canine unit.

Commissioner Legge commented as follows:

1. Expressed condolences to the Hardin family, and stated the memorial service reflected everyone's high respect for Sergeant Hardin. Commissioner Legge expressed appreciation to all of the law enforcement officers throughout the state and other states that attended the services.
2. Expressed appreciation to Police Chief Hodges and Captain Smith and all the police department employees during this very difficult time. Commissioner Legge stated that his prayers were with the Hardin family.
3. Encouraged everyone to make contributions to the Sergeant Heath Hardin Memorial Fund.
4. Stated that the police officers needed proper communication equipment and the residents must decide the value of a love ones life. Commissioner Legge asked Chief Hodges and Captain Smith to provide information on 800 MHZ radios for the Police Department for the Board's consideration at its

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upcoming budget. Commissioner Legge said this was an item he would like the Board to pursue.

5. Asked the Board's consensus for the Town sponsoring a fund-raising basketball game between the Fire Department and the Police Department with the proceeds to the Sgt. Heath Hardin Memorial Fund. Commissioner Legge asked Maxey Dove, Parks & Recreation Department to offer any information available at this time.

Mr. Dove stated that he was working on the details and plans pending Board approval for the fund-raiser.

Commissioner Legge asked for Board consensus for the Parks & Recreation Department to proceed with the basketball fund-raiser.

The Board noted consensus for the basketball fund-raiser for the Sergeant Heath Hardin Memorial Fund.

6. Commissioner Legge asked for DOT study and recommendation regarding making Dove Street a right turn only. He said there had been a lot of accidents at this intersection and he realizes that DOT would not place a traffic signal at this location. Commissioner Legge asked for DOT assistance to determine if making Dove Street a right turn only would be feasible.
7. Thanked Rev. Ballance for the invocation.
8. Congratulated Police Officer Sports and Firefighter Bullock on their awards.

Commissioner Collins commented as follows:

1. Commissioner Collins stated he agreed with 800 MHZ radios for the Police Department, and said this would allow the officers to communicate with other officers in the county and in some areas of the state. Commissioner Collins said the Police Department needed this equipment badly, and asked the Chief and the Captain to also research the availability of grants.
2. Thanked VFW Post 10630 for all of their activities in the community.
3. Stated that he appreciated having the canine unit.
4. Congratulated Mr. Nicholl and said he appreciated all his work.
5. Stated that Sergeant Sports and Firefighter Bullock were doing a great job.
6. Stated that he was pleased with Mrs. Kilgore and the Parks and Recreation staff and for their work.
7. Stated the Town had loss a great lady this week, Mrs. Isabel Beasley.
8. Stated that Sergeant Heath Hardin was one of the best

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Police Officers. He said there was an outpouring of support throughout the state and other states.

Mayor Dees commented as follows:

1. Stated he hoped everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and is off to a good start in the New Year. He would like to thank everyone for braving the elements and attending tonight's meeting.
2. Stated he would like to extend his condolences tonight once again to the family of Sergeant Heath Hardin. Mayor Dees stated that you don't replace men of his caliber everyday. He was an excellent police officer and he will be missed. Mayor Dees like to commend the entire Hope Mills Police Department on the way they have handled themselves during this time. Further, he said Chief Hodges, Sergeant Servie, and Officer Huggins' remarks at the service yesterday were excellent. He said he was proud to be associated with all of them. Also, he welcomed Boo to the department and said they are excited about the first member of their canine department and they hoped he will be a big help to them in the war on drugs.
3. Stated he would like to extend his condolences to the family of Mrs. Isabel Beasley. He stated she was an institution in this town and noted that Mrs. Beasley always looked after the people in this community and she was someone everyone looked up to and admired tremendously.
4. Stated the Board hoped to be ready to make their Town Committee appointments at their next meeting and said if anyone wants to volunteer for an appointment, please fill out one of the applications on the table in the back of the room.
5. Stated the Board also will be ready at the next meeting to appoint a Town Manager Search Committee. It will consist of himself, Mr. Nicholl, and two Commissioners. Mayor Dees asked those Commissioners who would like to be considered to serve on this committee to let him know by Monday or Tuesday of next week. The deadline for Town Manager applications is February 15th.
6. Mayor Dees said the Board was glad to have one of the delinquent audits completed and hoped to have the 04-05 audit draft done by the end of this month and sent to the Local Government Commission.
7. Stated he was looking forward to working with Cumberland County and the Joint Planning Board. Mayor Dees reported he has been reviewing an outdated 20 year annexation plan and hopes to have that updated and ready to present to the Board by the first of March for their consideration.
8. Stated the next Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 5th.
9. Congratulated Sergeant Sports and Firefighter Bullock on their awards and stated he was very proud of both of

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these employees.

10. Reported the Town had received a letter from the Bragg Mutual Federal Credit Union advising that they would be moving out of the Town Hall effective January 31. He said the credit union had been a good tenant and he wished them well in their new location.

12. ADJOURNMENT.

At 8:35 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Phyllis C. Register, MMC, Town Clerk