

MINUTES OF THE HOPE MILLS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, November 2, 2009
Regular Meeting

Mayor Eddie Dees called the regular meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Monday, November 2, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Eddie Dees, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman, Commissioners Doris Luther, Eddie Maynor, Jackie Warner, and Tonzie Collins.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ABSENT - None

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager Randy Beeman, Assistant Town Manager/Clerk Connie Spell, Town Attorney John Jackson, Human Resources Administrator Debbie Disbrow, Chief Building Inspector Mike Bailey, Parks and Recreation Director Stan Braswell, Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Police Chief Robert Hassell, Stormwater Administrator Melanie Clerkley.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was rendered by Rev. Michael McGirt, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Maynor.

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – ADDITIONS OR DELETIONS.

Motion was made by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Maynor and carried unanimously to approve the following addition to the agenda, 2 (b) Mayoral Proclamation for Veterans Day, November 11, 2009.

Motion was made by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition.

2. PRESENTATIONS.

a. Special presentations to Retired Police Chief John Hodges.

Mayor Dees presented the Old North State award from Governor Purdue to Retired Police Chief John Hodges for his 53 years of service in government.

Mayor Dees presented a congratulatory certificate from the North Carolina Senate and congratulatory letter from Senator Tony Rand on the occasion of his retirement.

b. Mayoral Proclamation: Veterans Day – November 11, 2009.

Mayor Dees read a proclamation proclaiming November 11, 2009 Veterans Day in the Town of Hope Mills and called upon all citizens to pay tribute to America's veterans by displaying our national flag, and reaching out to the veterans in our community, and giving support to our troops and their families.

3. PUBLIC HEARINGS. None

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Michael Mitchell, 5411 Thompson Circle, asked if the audit had been submitted. In response, Mayor Dees stated the audit had been submitted. Thanked the Town Board for their hard work over the past several years.

Jessie Bellflowers, 3306 Harrisburg Drive, reminded everyone of the annual Veteran's Day Ceremony on Wednesday, November 11th at 4:00 p.m. Veteran's Memorial Park. He said they would like to present a wreath this year and the Town is invited to attend the ceremony. Mr. Bellflowers asked Mayor Dees to present the Mayoral Proclamation during the ceremony.

5. CONSENT AGENDA:

Motion was made by Commissioner Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Collins and carried unanimously to approve the consent agenda as presented.

The following actions were affected:

- a. Consideration to approve Minutes of the January 5, 2009 Closed Session, June 1, 2009 Closed Session, August 3, 2009 Closed Session, September 23, 2009 Recessed Meeting and the October 5, 2009 Regular Meeting.**

The board approved the Minutes of January 5, 2009 Closed Session, June 1, 2009 Closed Session, August 3, 2009 Closed Session, September 23, 2009 Recessed Meeting and October 5, 2009 Regular Meeting.

- b. Consideration to authorize purchase of 2010 Ford Ranger truck, \$14,913.44, funds appropriated in current budget, Inspection Department.**

The board approved the purchase of a 2010 Ford Ranger truck, \$14,913.44 for the Inspection Department to include the price of the truck, tax, licenses, emergency bar light, bedliner and tool box.

- c. Consideration to authorize purchase of 2010 Ford F-150 truck, \$19,080.83, funds appropriated in current budget, Stormwater Department.**

The board approved the purchase of a 2010 Ford F-150 truck, \$19,080.83 for the Stormwater Department to include the price of the truck, tax, licenses, emergency bar light, spray-in-liner and fiberglass cover.

- d. Consideration to authorize purchase of Ammco 4000E Brake Lathe, \$7,249.52 plus tax, funds appropriated in current budget, Service Garage.**

The board approved the purchase of Ammco 4000E Brake Lather, \$7,249.52 plus tax, for the Service Garage, low bidder Myers Tire Supply to include adapter kit, bench with tool holder and training.

- e. Consideration to authorize purchase of 2010 Ford F-150 truck, \$18,923.58, funds appropriated in current budget, Parks and Recreation Department.**

The board approved the purchase of a 2010 Ford F-150 truck, \$18,923.58 for the Parks and Recreation Department to include the price of the truck, tax, licenses, heavy service suspension package, mobile radio with antenna, emergency bar light, and spray-in-liner.

- f. Consideration to approve vibration monitoring services.**

Town Manager Randy Beeman reported the vibration-monitoring services modification submitted by Mosher Engineering required a budget modification for \$67,500.00. The modification report included the estimated cost breakdown for fiscal year budget allocations.

The installation will require approximately 3 to 4 weeks and will allow sufficient time to include required data for the December 31, 2009 monitoring report deadline. The modification will require a budget amendment for \$42,500.00 for fiscal year July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

The board approved the vibration monitoring services Contract Modification No. 1 as submitted by Mosher Engineering.

A copy of the contract modification No. 1 is filed in the Book of Contracts in the Town Clerks office.

“END OF CONSENT AGENDA”

6. **OLD BUSINESS:** None
7. **NEW BUSINESS:** None
8. **REPORTS AND INFORMATION ITEMS:**

REPORTS

a. Update report on the Hope Mills Lake/Dam project.

Town Manager Randy Beeman reported the monitoring is continuing to move forward.

Mayor Dees suspended the rules to receive comments. No comments were made.

INFORMATION

b. Annual evaluations – Town Manager and Assistant Town Manager/Clerk.

Mayor Dees said the Board will enter into closed session at the next meeting on November 16th to conduct the evaluations.

9. STAFF COMMENTS.

Mr. Beeman thanked the board for their understanding and kindness concerning his father's surgery.

10. OFFICIAL COMMENTS.

Commissioner Warner

- Congratulated John Hodges on his award.
- Thanked Mr. Bailey on the great job he done concerning the political signs.
- Encouraged everyone to come out and vote tomorrow.

Commissioner Collins

- Congratulated John Hodges on his award and said he had done a great job and he enjoyed working with him.

Commissioner Luther

- Thanked John Hodges for all the years he had given to Hope Mills and she was glad he was a part of Hope Mills.
- Asked everyone to exercise their right to vote on tomorrow.

Commissioner Maynor

- Echoed the remarks to Chief Hodges, the citizens and the upcoming election.
- Reported the ABC revenues presented to the Cumberland County general tax fund was \$2, 197,218.00.

Mayor Pro Tem Gorman

- Stated Chief Hodges deserved all the awards he had received and he enjoyed working with him.
- Said Mr. Bailey and the Inspection Department staff had done an excellent job during the election.
- Wished all the candidates good luck on Election Day.

Mayor Dees.

- Welcomed everyone to the meeting and he was glad to see such a good attendance for Chief Hodges award presentation and it had been a pleasure knowing and working with him.
- Thanked Auditor Mark Hedgepeth for his hard work on getting the audit done on time.

- Reported Ole Mill Days was a success and thanked Mr. Braswell, Kenny Bullock and staff for all they did.
- Reported fall sports were coming to an end and registration was underway for winter sports.
- Reported the Transportation Advisory Committee had a list of 27 projects that are still on the drawing board for Cumberland County. He said the top 11 projects included the following 5 for Hope Mills:
 1. Camden Road Widening Project.
 2. Legion Road Widening Project.
 3. Rockfish Road Widening Project
 4. Golfview Road at Rockfish Road Widening Project
 5. Cameron Road from Legion Road to South Main Street Widening Project.

He said the list did not include the completion of the Hope Mills Bypass.

- Reminded everyone of the next regular meeting on Monday, November 16th at 7:00 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT.

At 7:29 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Collins, and carried unanimously the meeting was adjourned.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Connie F. Spell, MMC
Town Clerk