

## **SPECIAL MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2006**

The special meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Dees. Commissioners Gorman, Legge, Luther, Smith, and Collins were present.

Others present were Town Manager Roy Taylor, Town Attorney William R. Davis, Director of Inspections Jerry Thompson, Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin, Fire Chief Chuck Hodges, Parks and Recreation Director Anita Kilgore, and Police Chief John Hodges.

Mayor Dees welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated the purpose of the meeting was a Board workshop and this would be an informal meeting and would be operated from that standpoint. He indicated there were a lot of issues that the Board needed to talk about, and the Board should discuss as many items as possible then continue the other items to another workshop or regular meeting. He said he would like to cover as many items as possible as time allowed.

### 1. Workshop Topics:

#### a) Ordinance Amendments - Committees:

##### Section 70-51, Planning Board.

Mayor Dees briefly read the section pertaining to membership and stated that he felt it needed clarification and needed some tweaking. He said he was unclear as to the total membership of the committee and if the total membership included nonresident members or if the nonresident members were in addition to the seven voting members. In response to a question from Mayor Dees, Mr. Taylor said the Planning Board was currently composed of seven members, three of which were nonresident members.

##### **Section 2-191, Appearance Commission.**

Mayor Dees noted that the Appearance Commission establishment stated the Commission shall consist of 22 members, and he suggested that this be rewritten to state "consists of up to twenty two members".

##### **Section 62-121, Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.**

Mayor Dees commented that he felt that this ordinance amendment was one of the best written ordinances pertaining to committees, however, the ordinance stated that each regular member would be appointed to serve for a term of two years with a term limit two consecutive years. He stated there were members on the committee who had been there for more than two terms and perhaps this stipulation should be removed. Mayor Dees stated that if the Board had a member or members serving who had been a great asset to the committee, then they should not have to be removed from the committee because of this restriction.

Mayor Dees stated in general, some other committees were established by Board action and felt some uniformity was needed. He stated that a previous Board action created a policy whereby a person could not serve on more than one committee, and this was a conflict in a few of the committee members serving now. Mayor Dees commented that he thought with special consideration, the Board could appoint one to two nonresident members to committees, and stated he did not think that this needed to be a rash number, but felt that the Town should be consistent with its committees across the board.

In response to a question from Commissioner Gorman, Mayor Dees stated that he thought the staff should be asked to bring some proposed amendments back to the Board for consideration and approval.

A brief discussion ensued regarding the number of Planning Board members, both resident and nonresident.

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Following brief discussion, Commissioner Gorman made a motion to direct staff to work on ordinance amendments as outlined above. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- b) Ordinance Amendments - various.

### **Section 66-60, Personnel, Limitation of employment of relatives (Grandfather clause)**

Mayor Dees read this section of the Town Ordinance, and stated it was confusing and he would be very disappointed to see any employee lose their job because a family member was elected to the Town Board. Mayor Dees stated that he thought this ordinance should have some sort of grandfather clause to address these types of situations.

### **Article II, Mayor and Board of Commissioners; Sec. 2.2, Town Board of Commissioners.....terms of office.**

Commissioner Gorman stated that he would like to ask the Board to consider four year staggered terms for the elected officials. He asked Attorney Davis to research this matter and to provide information to the Board. Commissioner Gorman said he did not feel that the entire Board should turn over each election year as this would be a bad position for the Town to be in.

Commissioner Legge commented that he agreed with Commissioner Gorman as he had brought this subject up before. He said it would be a major setback for the Town if the entire Board turned over, and the Board needed some experienced returning Board members to continue with ongoing projects.

Following brief discussions, Attorney Davis stated that this could be changed but it would take a special act of the Legislature and this had been done before. He said it was a matter of coordinating with the Legislators.

### **Section 34, Smoking in Town Buildings.**

Mayor Dees commented that this was confusing so far as the definition of public buildings. He said he had received some citizens complaints regarding the smoking at the Police Department, and felt the Board should look at amending this ordinance.

Commissioner Legge commented that he felt the ordinance should be uniform for all municipal buildings.

Mayor Dees commented that he was not campaigning a cause, but he felt that the Board should try to fix this confusing problem.

### **Section 26, Cemeteries.**

Mayor Dees commented that the ordinance now addressed Adcock Cemetery and that the Town was now in process of acquiring the Hope Mills Cemetery. Attorney Davis reported that the deed for Hope Mills Cemetery had been recorded today. Mayor Dees said the ordinance needed to be amended to reflect both cemeteries.

A brief discussion ensued regarding other cemeteries in Town; Johnson, South Main Development, and the cemetery located at the corner of Legion and Cameron Road across from Hope Mills Middle School. Mayor Dees said it was his understanding that the cemetery in the South Main Development was not the responsibility of the Town, but the Town needed to look at how to handle this situation. Mayor Dees noted this would be discussed further when the Board discusses new committees.

### **Section 98-138, Wrecker Towing Fees.**

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Mayor Dees commented that the wrecker towing fees had not been updated since 1996, and there was a discrepancy in the insurance clause under Section 98-135 as well. He said it was a typographical error and it should be corrected to reflect \$100,000.00 minimum coverage. Mayor Dees stated that he had reviewed the Cumberland County fees as well as the City of Fayetteville fees, which were basically identical, and stated he understood that the wrecker services were frustrated with varying fee schedules. In response to a question, Police Chief John Hodges stated that the Police Department sent a list of the wrecker companies that had provided a service to the Finance Department who invoiced the individuals to collect the \$5.00 fee. He stated he felt the fees should be the same amount as Cumberland County and the City of Fayetteville charge.

In response to a question from Commissioner Legge, Police Chief Hodges stated that once the wrecker towed the vehicle, the Town's responsibility ended.

Attorney Davis commented that the Town only authorized the vehicles to be towed, and the wrecker services must comply with specific state statutes.

Commissioner Collins commented that the only time the Police Department could seize a vehicle was during a drug forfeiture or if it was involved in the act of a crime.

Following additional discussion, Mayor Dees stated he would ask staff to bring back some recommendations to the Board for consideration.

Commissioner Legge commented that he thought that the Commissioners should give their input on these ordinance amendments as well. Mayor Dees said he felt that the town staff would bring back some recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Taylor commented that staff may bring back some alternatives for the Board to consider as well. Commissioner Legge said that the Mayor had expressed his thoughts and feelings regarding the various ordinances and felt that the Commissioners should offer their input as well. Mr. Taylor stated that hopefully some drift ordinance amendments could be provided to the Board at its first meeting in February.

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to direct the staff to bring back recommended ordinance amendments. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

- c) Committees: current and possible new.

Mayor Dees reviewed a list of all the current committees, and stated he was not saying that all of these were not needed, but the Board should not ask people to serve and give them no direction or opportunity to meet.

Commissioner Luther commented that the Historic Advisory Committee had met twice during this year.

In response to a question from Commissioner Gorman regarding the Environmental Green Team, Mr. Taylor stated that when this committee was established Phase I of the stormwater management mandate was underway and that the establishment of this committee would suffice for those purposes. He stated that Phase II of the stormwater management was an unfunded mandate, and that many municipalities had been waiting on the legislative rules to be developed, and that is why the committee was never convened because the rules were influx. He stated that the Town had held off on activating this committee until the rules were established by the Legislature and made known. He stated that he felt this issue was much more complex than the committee could handle as these were very difficult regulations. Mr. Taylor stated that he could understand how it would be insulting to have a committee appointed but they had never met, as well as the mission had been changed.

Mayor Dees asked if the Board wanted to continue the committee, and if so, to find reasons for the committee to meet and serve.

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In response to a question from Commissioner Gorman, Mr. Taylor stated that he would recommend keeping the committee as an Advisory Committee that would meet as needed.

Following brief discussion, **Commissioner Gorman made a motion to keep all of the current committees as listed. Commissioner Legge seconded, and motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Dees presented a list of proposed committees:

### Mayor's Youth Advisory Council

The purpose of this committee is to provide local youth a voice by which they may give input and help develop initiatives to enhance youth opportunities within the Town of Hope Mills.

Mayor Dees stated he would like the Board's support of a Youth Advisory Council. He briefly reviewed a Youth Advisory Council as established in Rockhill, South Carolina, and stated that the establishment of a Youth Advisory Council was discussed at a recent National League of Cities meeting. Mayor Dees stated that this council could get sponsorships, and the monies would be deposited into the Town. He stated that the Youth Council had promoted plays, musicals, team dances, etc. Mayor Dees commented that he had just recently received some information from the National League of Cities asking the Town to promote youth opportunities.

### Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

This committee would help plan, coordinate, and direct programs and activities for senior citizens. It would work in conjunction with the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee.

Mayor Dees commented that he felt that the senior citizens needed bigger voices in activities and programs, including senior citizen church groups.

### Cemetery Board

This board would help administer the maintenance of cemeteries located in the Town of Hope Mills.

Mayor Dees said he thought that finding volunteers who would help administer the maintenance of the cemeteries was needed.

Commissioner Legge commented that the town ordinance directed that the Public Works Director would be responsible for the maintenance of cemeteries and thought that this should remain.

Mayor Dees commented that his idea was to get volunteers to help clean the cemetery.

Mr. Taylor asked Public Works Director Bruce McLaurin to briefly explain what his department did relative to cemetery maintenance. Mr. McLaurin stated they cut all the grass, did weed eating, cut limbs, picked up trash, etc.

A brief discussion ensued regarding liability of volunteers using equipment, etc., and Mr. Taylor stated he would check with the Town's insurance carrier and look further into this matter.

### Mayor's Advisory Board

This committee would consist of former elected officials. Its function is to provide advice and discuss pros and cons based on their personal governing body experiences.

Mayor Dees commented that this Advisory Board was recently discussed at a new Mayor's meeting that he attended at the North Carolina League of Municipalities office. Mayor Dees stated

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he thought this would be a great way to keep former elected officials involved.

### Technology Advisory Committee

The purpose of this committee is to work on technology related matters such as computer applications, telephone systems, mobile radios, satellite dishes, telecommunication towers, and world wide web.

Mayor Dees commented that this committee could help ease some of the work load, and further, high school students could assist on the committee.

### Lake Restoration Advisory Board

This board would act in an advisory capacity to help suggest ways to finance and expedite the timely restoration of Hope Mills Lake.

Mayor Dees commented that he had discussed with several people and town staff as well that he did not feel it would be a good idea for members of this committee to contact other elected officials as elected officials wanted to hear from other elected officials.

Commissioner Collins stated he thought that this was a great idea, and citizens such as Mr. John Henley, Mr. Alex Warner, Mr. Edwin Deaver, Mr. Eddie Maynor, would be great members and he did not have any problem with any of them contacting anyone in Raleigh.

Commissioner Legge stated that he did not feel that any volunteer should speak for the governing body as this might create a situation that could indirectly cost the Town funding. He stated that the Town could possibly risk a major setback, and he did not think it appropriate to have any committee member contacting Legislators without Board approval.

Mayor Dees remarked that the citizens could contact their Legislators at anytime.

### Adopt a Street Committee

This committee would recruit and oversee organizations and private citizens to contribute towards the effort of maintaining cleaner and more attractive road sides. Safety rules and guidelines are already in place, adopted by the Board in 2002.

Mayor Dees said the Town already had an Adopt-a-Street Policy and there were currently two streets adopted in Town. Mayor Dees briefly commented on the policy, and stated he thought that the Town could ask businesses, churches, homeowner associations, civic groups, etc., about getting involved and about making the Town look better.

### Special Events Committee

The purpose of this committee is to assist the Parks and Recreation Department and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee in planning, organizing, and conducting special events in the Town of Hope Mills. These events include the Fourth of July Parade, the Christmas Parade, and Ole Mill Days. This committee, guidelines for which established by Board action in 2005, will ensure that parades and other special events represent the policy and values of the Town.

Mayor Dees stated that he understood that this committee was established by Mayoral appointment, and briefly reviewed the current membership. He asked that the Board consider additional citizen involvement in this committee.

In response to a question from Commissioner Luther, Mrs. Kilgore stated that the Special Events Committee met on an as needed basis.

In response to a question from Commissioner Legge, Mrs. Kilgore stated that previously the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee had input on all these events and further they would like to have this responsibility restored to them.

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Mayor Dees stated he felt that the band should participate in these events as their participation would enhance the parade.

Mrs. Kilgore stated she would like to see several bands, but space was an issue for buses, equipment, etc. Mrs. Kilgore reported that the County appointed the bands for parades.

Commissioner Luther expressed concerns that the Town had not had participation from schools that it should, and that she had a lot of citizens concerns why the Town could not get participation from the bands.

Mayor Dees said he was hopeful that this would change.

Mayor Dees commented that he would like the Board's blessing on these proposed committees.

In response to a question from Commissioner Legge, Mrs. Kilgore stated that the Special Events Committee had not been meeting, and she would recommend that these responsibilities go back to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee but it was up to the Board.

Commissioner Legge commented that he was not keen on the Lake Restoration Committee, and his reason was that the committee did not seem as urgent now as when it was initially discussed. He stated that the Mayor was actively talking with elected officials and with other people involved, and he expressed concerns with someone speaking out of turn which could cause delay of the project.

Commissioner Smith remarked that he understood this committee would act in an advisory capacity, but would not be contacting officials as a spokesperson for the governing body. He stated it was his understanding this committee would act to advise ways to help find financing for the project and to advise the Town Board. Commissioner Smith said he felt the wheels were already turning on the project and felt the intent two years ago was different now.

Commissioner Gorman stated that he would like to comment on the proposed committees as follows:

1. Lake Restoration Advisory Board. Stated that he understood both sides of this situation, but did not understand how a committee could suggest more ways than the Finance Officer, the Town Manager, and the Mayor, who kept the Board advised and felt that should remain as is.
2. Youth Advisory Council. Stated that every North Carolina League of Municipalities and National League of Cities conference that he had ever attended advocated a Youth Council. He stated that the youth were a vital part of this community and felt this would be a good committee.
3. Mayor's Advisory Board. Commissioner Gorman stated he felt that the Town Board was the Advisory Board, and felt if the Mayor wanted advice from individuals that this would be good, but the Governing Body was the group to help the Mayor.

Mayor Dees commented that regarding the Youth Advisory Committee, he would develop criteria for uniformity with all other committees. Mayor Dees stated regarding the Mayor's Advisory Board, that the Town Board was more than an Advisory Board it was a policy making group. He said that the Advisory Board would not serve in that function, and he would simply like the expertise of former elected officials shared and welcomed their input. He stated that this was not his idea entirely as he had heard this as a recommendation at a recent North Carolina League of Municipalities meeting. Further, Mayor Dees stated he would like to keep former Board members involved.

Commissioner Legge expressed some concerns with "advisory" and stated he did not want any sort of misunderstanding.

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Commissioner Luther asked who would the Youth Council serve under, and Mayor Dees stated they would need an adult advisor and he would be glad to serve in this capacity. Commissioner Luther asked about the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, and asked if it would serve in conjunction with Parks and Recreation as it was now. Commissioner Luther commented in the past, the Town Board had appointed youths to serve on other town committees and she would like to see this thought about rather than appointing a separate committee. Commissioner Luther commented regarding the Mayor's Advisory Board and stated that she did not feel anyone could do any more than the elected officials and staff regarding trying to find ways to finance the lake project as she felt that these individuals had the capabilities to make contacts relative to financing.

In response to a question from Mayor Dees, Attorney Davis stated that the Mayor did have the authority to appoint committees/boards to advise him on matters.

**Mayor Dees stated he wished to appoint a Youth Advisory Council and a Mayor's Advisory Board by mayoral authority.**

Commissioner Collins commented that he felt if the Town had a Lake Advisory Board earlier, then it would not be in the situation it was in now. Further, Commissioner Collins stated that there were citizens in Town that could serve on this board to advise the Board, then the Board could tell them what it wanted done, i.e., lobby Legislators, etc., and that was the only reason that he would like to have this board.

### Senior Citizens Advisory Committee

**Following discussion of the current ordinance regarding Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee liaison members voting status, Commissioner Gorman made a motion to refer this matter back to the staff for further clarification on the ordinance. Commissioner Legge seconded, and motion carried unanimously.**

### Cemetery Board

**Commissioner Legge made a motion to establish a Cemetery Board. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

### Technology Advisory Committee

**Commissioner Gorman made a motion to establish a Technology Advisory Committee. Commissioner Collins seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

### Lake Restoration Advisory Board

**Commissioner Collins made a motion to establish a Lake Restoration Advisory Board. There being no second, the motion failed.**

### Adopt a Street Committee

**Commissioner Legge made a motion to establish an Adopt a Street Committee. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

### Special Events Committee

A brief discussion continued regarding this committee. Attorney Davis advised that it would be appropriate for the Board to offer a motion to eliminate this committee and allow the function to be performed by the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Mayor Dees noted that the Board would follow the advice of the Parks and Recreation Director on this matter.

**Following discussion, Commissioner Legge made a motion to eliminate the Special Events Committee and to return these duties to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

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At 8:20 p.m., Mayor Dees called for a ten minute break.

Mayor Dees stated he had asked the Attorney to research the Mayor's authority to make appointments. Attorney Davis responded that it was still his opinion that the Mayor had the authority to appoint committees or boards but for the purpose to only advise the Mayor and not the Board.

a) Website

Mayor Dees noted that the Board had previously discussed the Fayetteville Observer proposal for a website enhancement, and he briefly reviewed the current agreement with Beacon Technologies. Mayor Dees stated this was an open ended contract and it was his understanding that the Town could walk away at any time. Mr. Taylor commented that Beacon Technologies would provide updates depending on the amount of information, starting at \$25.00 up. Mayor Dees briefly reviewed the proposal as submitted by the Fayetteville Observer.

Mayor Dees commented that he thought there was a concern that there was a conflict of interest between the Fayetteville Observer and himself since the Fayetteville Observer covered the town board meetings and since he had previously worked for the Fayetteville Observer as a contract employee. Mayor Dees emphasized he was not getting any kick backs whatsoever for this opportunity, and did not personally feel that there was any conflict of interest whatsoever. Mayor Dees said he would like to ask for some volunteers to serve on a committee to meet with the Fayetteville Observer representative as he would like to get this project moving.

Commissioner Smith commented that he thought the Board should pursue this meeting and would like to serve on the committee. Commissioner Gorman stated he would like to be a part of the committee as well.

Commissioner Gorman stated that he had always been a big advocate of the website and was passionate about this. He stated that the Town needed to update the website as soon as possible, and Mayor Dees had some good ideas.

Attorney Davis remarked that in his opinion there was no conflict of interest.

Commissioner Gorman said that he just wanted the conflict of interest issue out in the open, and he had no problems with the Fayetteville Observer.

In response to a question from Commissioner Collins, Mr. Taylor responded that the Town was currently paying \$50.00 a month to Beacon Technologies. Commissioner Collins expressed concerns why the Town was continuing to pay for this service when the website was not being updated and kept current.

Commissioner Luther asked if there were any limits so far as the advertisements that the Observer would sell on the website, and Mayor Dees said this was a matter that would be negotiated.

Mr. Jerry Thompson, Director of Inspections, stated that he would like to serve on this committee with the Manager's approval.

Commissioner Gorman commented that he felt that a current website would be critical to attracting military families and others to the area and felt it was very important to act quickly due to the base realignment closure activities going on.

Commissioner Luther commented that BRAC had a website and Hope Mills was represented by several realtors.

Commissioner Smith asked who would retain the domain name, and Mr. Taylor stated that the Town would.

**Following additional brief discussion, it was consensus of the Board to establish a**

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**meeting with the Fayetteville Observer and to bring back a contract/recommendation to the Board for consideration.**

### b) Historic Grant

Mayor Dees commented that previously the Board had discussed possibly fencing the old cemetery in the South Main Development. He stated after researching the minutes, it was noted that when this development was originally presented to the Town for approval that it was stated that the Town would not be responsible for the cemetery.

Mayor Dees reported he had suggested to Mayor Deaver sometime ago displaying pictures of former Mayors, and that through the efforts of Mayor Deaver, approximately 13-14 photographs of former Mayors had been obtained. He stated that the Board had previously authorized the framing and matting of these photos.

Mr. Taylor commented with regards to the cemetery in the South Main Development, that initially the developer wanted to deed this cemetery to the Town. He stated that the Town could work with the developer as there were no more interments in this cemetery, and he would ask the developer to deed this cemetery separately if it was the Board's wishes.

In response to a question from Mayor Dees regarding the historic grant, Mr. Taylor reported that the Town needed to move along as soon as possible as the State wanted a scope of the project and how the money was proposed to be spent.

In response to a question from Commissioner Legge, regarding historic signs, Mr. Taylor stated that the Town had paid for the current historic signs. Mayor Dees noted that the Town could erect additional historic signs, such as at Hope Mills School and at other places.

Following additional brief discussion, Mayor Dees asked Mr. Taylor to bring information back to the Board on the South Main Development Cemetery and plans for the historic grant. Mayor Dees commented that he felt the South Main Development Homeowners Association should have some responsibility in the maintenance of the cemetery.

Commissioner Luther commented that the South Main Cemetery was an historic cemetery and stated perhaps the Homeowners Association would appoint a committee for the maintenance of the cemetery if the Town fenced it in. Mayor Dees commented that possibly the Cemetery Committee could be asked to help with this.

### f) Budget/Audit Issues

Mayor Dees commented that there were several financial issues coming up and actions needed to be taken to speed up the audit. He stated that the Board needed to facilitate the budget discussions and develop a time table.

Mr. Taylor reported that staff would be meeting in February or early March and he would be meeting with department heads individually. He stated department heads would have an opportunity to appear before the Board, and hopefully this process could start in March.

Commissioner Luther stated that she agreed that the Board should start its budget workshops no later than the first of March.

Commissioner Legge requested that the Board see requests by the departments even those not recommended by the Manager.

### g) Credit Union Lease

Mayor Dees noted that the current lease with the credit union expires February 28, 2006, and the Town needs to renegotiate the lease if the credit union was interested. He said some questions had been raised regarding the amount of rent (\$900.00 per month) that was being paid verses the

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\$1,200.00 a month that was paid by the Sprint tower. Mayor Dees asked that the Board authorize the Manager to do a study on the square foot rental fee and the Board needed to decide if it wanted to renew the lease, reach a decision whether it wanted to stay like it was, and asked the Manager to research and come back with some recommendations.

Commissioner Luther said she felt that staff should investigate what commercial square foot property was being paid without utilities. She stated that she felt that this was somewhat out of proportion and felt it needed to be looked into.

Commissioner Legge remarked if the space was vacant, then the Town would be receiving no income.

Commissioner Luther commented that the Town Hall had space issues now.

Mayor Dees asked the Board to consider tabling action on the other items for future meetings and possibly pick up two topics at each regular meeting for discussion.

**Commissioner Luther made a motion to table the remaining items for future discussion. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

2. Staff concerns.

There were none.

3. Official concerns.

Commissioner Legge commented as follows:

1. Stated he felt the Board had made some accomplishments and he looked forward to working on the remaining topics.
2. Stated that he would be in Wilmington on January 11-13 attending a School of Government meeting.
3. Stated that Brandon Hodges was the father of a new baby girl.
4. Stated he appreciated all concerns and prayers relative to the disaster in West Virginia, and stated that none of his extended family was lost but he did lose a good friend.

Commissioner Collins commented as follows:

1. Stated he was impressed with all the discussions, and stated he felt the Board was off to a good start. He stated that if the Board continued to work this way, then it would be on the right path, and everyone needed to work together. Commissioner Collins stated he realized everyone would not always agree.
2. Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Commissioner Luther expressed appreciation to the staff for all their work in putting the agenda together, and thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Commissioner Luther said that she thought that the Board members needed to agree to disagree.

Commissioner Gorman commented that he would be attending the H&R Block grand opening on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. He stated he appreciated everyone's attendance at the meeting.

Mayor Dees commented as follows:

1. Stated that he understood that there were some businesses upset because they had

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Fayetteville addresses, and they wanted to promote their businesses as Hope Mills businesses.

2. Thanked everyone for attending the meeting.
3. Stated without the Clerk and staff his job would be very difficult and he thanked the Clerk for her assistance.
4. Stated that there was a Transportation Advisory Committee meeting in January and the Board needed to make an appointment for a representative.

**Commissioner Gorman made a motion to appoint Mayor Dees as the Town's representative on the TAC. Commissioner Legge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.**

5. Mayor Dees announced the appointment of former Mayor Edwin Deaver as the Town's Military Liaison Representative. He stated he could not think of anyone else who was more deserving of this appointment, as with the upcoming meetings concerning BRAC as well as his expertise. In this appointment, Mayor Dees stated that Mr. Deaver would be representing the Town at affairs and functions at Fort Bragg and Pope Air Force Base.

Commissioner Gorman commented that he thought this was an excellent appointment, and Mayor Deaver would be a great asset to the Town serving as Military Liaison.

Mayor Dees commented he thought that all agreed that no one else could do this better and Mr. Deaver was already acting in this capacity.

6. Reminded everyone that the next regular Board meeting would be Tuesday, January 17, 7:30 p.m.
4. Adjournment.

At 9:15 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Collins, seconded by Commissioner Luther and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

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EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Phyllis C. Register, MMC, Town Clerk