

REGULAR MEETING, MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2006

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

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

Dr. Dennis Sheppard, Hope Mills United Methodist Church, gave the invocation, and Commissioner Luther led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a)(3)(5)(6) to consult with the Attorney on matters within the Attorney-Client privilege and to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Smith seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Taylor stated he received the Approval to Repair letter from Division of Land Resources/Dam Safety on June 2nd. Mr. Taylor stated that this precludes the permitting through the Corps of Engineers, and once the state was ok with the specifications, designs, plans and all the pertinent data to the new spillway construction, then this letter constitutes approval of the proposal to repair according to the plans with seven conditions of approval, and this would not cost the Town anything.

He stated the Corps of Engineers will take about two to three weeks for their courtesy review of the state dam/safety since there had been some re-engineering done.

Mayor Dees stated they had talked to Mr. Tim LaBounty, and he will be overseeing this project, and Mr. LaBounty stated that the Town should be getting the permit hopefully by the end of the month.

Mayor Dees reported The Friends of Hope Mills Lake had their organization meeting on June 15th at the United Methodist Church on Legion Road. He noted this was the largest organization in the Town, and there were nearly 400 members. He reminded everyone that there would be a membership drive during the 4th of July event, if anyone wanted to join.

3. STATUS REPORT ON RECREATION CENTER.

Mr. Taylor stated there was a little delay due to the weather, and the brick work was now going up. He noted that the roof was complete except for the skylights on the new gymnasium and the doors should be installed soon, and at that time the building will be completely secured. The fencing will remain up so no one can enter the construction zone during the 4th of July events. Mr. Taylor said the monthly construction meeting will be tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. at Town Hall, and stated anyone who would like to attend the meeting was welcomed to do so.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS.

Linda Russell, 3708 Leonard Place, spoke briefly on the safety of the kids in the Village Green Subdivision. She stated that the children do not wear safety helmets when riding their bikes in the street, and she is afraid that some child will be hit by a car and killed. Ms. Russell stated she had been having trouble with the Sanitation Department. She said she watched the employees throw the trash can after they empty them and she has had one can replaced already and stated that it was their tax dollars that were paying for the cans. Ms. Russell said she had to pay \$10.00 for a yard sale permit and other people did not and wanted to know if anything was being done about this situation. She said there were illegal signs put up, and signs put over their signs and it was not fair that she had to pay and that others did not.

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Mayor Dees stated the Town did issue citations for illegal yard sales, but there was some confusion with the Rockfish Road area because a large portion of that area is not in the town limits and they were not on the same restrictions and if they did not live in the town limits they did not have to have a permit from the town.

Ms. Russell stated there were a lot of painted signs in the Village Green area, and asked if Village Green was a permitted area. Mayor Dees said the Town will try to do a better job on the matter, and the Public Works Director has heard your comments and he will take care of the sanitation issues.

In response to a question from Mayor Dees, Ms. Russell said she had spoken with Commissioner Legge and she had all the information she needed to start a neighborhood watch. She also noted it would be helpful to have a safety day and a neighborhood meeting. Mayor Dees stated if she could get the parents involved, then that would do more than anything the Town could do, but the Town will take that into consideration.

Commissioner Collins asked Ms. Russell to meet with Chief Hodges and Captain Smith and he was sure they would sit down with her and go over this issue, and he knew they would enforce the laws of the State of North Carolina.

5. MAYORAL PROCLAMATION: "WELCOME HOME DAY" - 35TH SIGNAL BRIGADE (AIRBORNE) JUNE 23, 2006.

Mayor Dees read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Jim Clark, Chairman, Veterans Affairs Commission. Mayor Dees urged all citizens of Hope Mills and the surrounding area to join in the expression of appreciation for the brave hearts who safeguard this Nation.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

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

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

In response to a question from Commissioner Legge, Mr. McLaurin stated the wrecker was in good shape and it only needed license and tags.

- a) Consideration to approve Minutes of the May 23, 2006 Special Meeting (Budget Workshop); June 1, 2006 Special Meeting (Budget Workshop); and June 5, 2006 Regular Meeting.

Minutes approved as written.

- b) Consideration to approve Agreement for Professional Services, McKim & Creed, P.A., for 2006 Powell Bill Map and Reporting, \$5,500.00. (Powell Bill Fund)

A copy of the Agreement is filed in the Book of Agreements in the Town Clerk's Office.

Agreement approved as written.

- c) Consideration to approve Travel/Training for Police Telecommunicator Melinda Rea, July 9-14, 2006; Purchasing Agent Cindy Murray, July 30-August 4, 2006.

Mr. Taylor reported two employees had requested training and travel that required Board approval because the courses require travel for five days.

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Mr. Taylor noted Telecommunicator Melinda Rea would attend a certification course for emergency dispatchers, and Purchasing Agent Cindy Murray would attend the Carolina's Association of Government Purchasing Summer Conference.

Mr. Taylor recommended approval of these travel requests.

Travel/Training approved.

d) Consideration to accept donation 1985 Ford F600 wrecker from Cumberland County.

Mr. Taylor reported Cumberland County had donated to the Town a 1985 Ford F600 wrecker they no longer used. He said a \$3,000 value was placed on this vehicle based on the last offer as trade-in allowance when the County considered a new wrecker purchase. Mr. Taylor said the Town did have use for a wrecker for the entire fleet to include sanitation vehicles. He said the wrecker needed some attention in order to be placed into service, but nothing major. Further, Mr. Taylor said the vehicle had documented service records since it was new. Mr. Taylor recommended the Board accept this vehicle donation from Cumberland County.

Accepted donation of wrecker.

7. **PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION OF FY 2006-2007 BUDGET.**

Mayor Dees opened the public hearing.

Don Lowder, 3639 Lakeshore Drive, said he did not like having to pay taxes any more than anyone else. He stated he could not remember writing a check to the IRS, State Department or Cumberland County tax department and saying "boy, I'm glad I had to write that check". Mr. Lowder said he was retired and much of his income was fixed income and that his retirement benefits were decreasing. Mr. Lowder said he wished his food bill, water bill, sewer bill, gasoline and medical bills did not go up every year, but they did just like everyone else. He stated the Town of Hope Mills was in much the same situation, and the town employees expected and deserved a salary increase, deserved the benefits they received, and they had been asked to work harder and smarter. He said all employees in each department had been asked the same thing, but there comes a time when harder and smarter was just not enough and they needed help in each department.

Mr. Lowder said Hope Mills was growing at a fast pace with every new development that was built, and with every new annexation there were more citizens to be served, more miles for the Police Department to patrol, and more houses for the Fire Department to protect. He said fire trucks need to be replaced as well as patrol cars, sanitation vehicles and other vehicles and equipment used by the Town of Hope Mills. Mr. Lowder said for the past several years the Town had gotten by with a \$0.41/\$100 valuation tax rate, and the Town expenses increased just as much and hurt just as much for a private citizen. He said now the Board was faced with a very tough decision.

Mr. Lowder stated he knew raising taxes was the last thing the Board hoped to refer to or result to in order to bring income to the town, but you could only tweak so many areas of income so much, and then there was just very little tweaking you could do after that. Mr. Lowder said the last thing the Manager wanted to present to the Board was a recommendation for a tax increase. He stated now was crunch time. Further, he said when each one of the Board members ran for a seat on the Board, each one stated they wanted what was best for the Town. He said that good government meant making tough decisions, personal ambitions put aside. He stated he was asking if the Board thought a \$0.05 tax increase was necessary for the best interest of Hope Mills, then stand up, take the courage, make the tough and very unpopular decision, and vote for the tax increase. Mr. Lowder said if the Board honestly thought the Town could continue in the same way it had been going for the last several years, then do not vote for an increase and dig the hole a little bit deeper. He urged the Board to vote on the tax increase and the budget as presented.

Jessie Bellflowers, 3819 Sturbridge Drive, stated adopting an annual budget was one of the

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most important tasks the Town Board would undertake. He said through the adoption and implementation of that budget, the interests and values of the community are translated into plans, programs, capital projects, services and resources intended to benefit all the Town's residents. He said while the proposed budget contained funding for some of the Town's needs, there still existed more needs than there were revenues for which to address these needs.

He stated reasonable goals were to limit budget growth to revenue growth, however, over the past several years operating expenses had been generally beyond the Town's control and placed a great burden on the Town's budget. He said one of the difficulties the Town faced was the cost of services which had risen at a greater rate than the revenues used to pay for these services. He said the goal should be to adopt a budget that would maintain and improve services to residents while still controlling the cost of these services. Mr. Bellflowers said the proposed budget included property tax increase of \$0.05 per \$100 of assessed property value. He said over the years the Town Board had done a commendable job of keeping the tax rate low, in fact the Town currently had one of the lowest rates to comparable towns, and it had been six years since the last tax increase. He said residents wanted services that the Town provided, services cost money and it had to be paid for. He said residents could not expect to get these services for nothing, tax increases were not popular, and the Town Board did not enjoy considering the increase and the Town Manager dreaded recommending the increase, and residents protest them or support them. He said, however, a tax increase was the easy way out when the Town Board failed to spend a sufficient amount of time to finding and implementing services that reflected priorities, expense reduction, cost avoidance, and service quality improvements. Mr. Bellflowers said he strongly supported that any property tax increase should be considered as an absolute last resort. He asked was there a tax increase needed this year, he supported that because of the longevity and the future prosperity of the community, and the amount was up to the Board. He said the Board must reduce the Town's dependency on the general fund balance and without a tax increase, budget cuts, reduction in service levels, deferment of capital outlay, the general fund would be very limited in its ability to generate substantial amounts of revenues required to pay for the services it rendered and the unfunded short and long term capital improvement projects that were going on.

Mr. Bellflowers said the budget must continue to support and invest in the most valuable assets of the town besides its residents. He said the collective efforts of the employees, and employees that were treated well generally respond by giving their best, and they played a key role in seeing that the vision of the town became a reality. He strongly recommend a complete comprehensive personnel pay plan and a pay for performance compensation plan be phased in this year instead of the proposed one time pay adjustment to be paid in December. He said some new employee positions should be phased in along with the Parks and Recreation positions starting with the Fire Department. Mr. Bellflowers said the proposed budget recommending eliminating the Planning Director position because of the Board's intent to rejoin the Joint Cumberland County Planning Board, therefore, he strongly recommended the Board fund the Assistant Town Manager position in an effort to assist the current Town Manager. He said this person would assist the Town Manager with the ongoing capital improvement projects, the budget process, local planning and specific oversights of departments as assigned by the Town Manager.

He said the budget must have a five year capital improvement program, which has been discussed for years, one that detailed each capital project, the estimated cost, description and above all the funding source of this project so we do not have to continue asking where was the money coming from. He said the CIP must be tied to the Town's budget in support of the short and long range plans that had been approved by the Town Board to insure that the capital items requested met the future growth needs of the Town.

Mr. Bellflowers stated adopting the budget was a very important task, but another issue was the audit for fiscal year 2004-2005 which was just as important and must be completed. He said the Town was in a critical financial position because these audits had not been completed. He said the Town could not borrow any money to fund capital improvement projects, and said he strongly believed it was time for the Town Board's direct intervention. Additionally, he suggested the Board adopt an interim budget until these issues and these audits, and the issues with those audits are identified, corrected and completed. In closing, he said the proposed budget must reflect a prudent and realistic approach with an emphasis on services, the employees, capital improvements that make

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the Town a sustainable community that was a highly desirable place for all.

Dr. Dennis Sheppard, 4927 Legion Road, stated he moved to Hope Mills in 2000 when the Bishop assigned him to Hope Mills United Methodist Church. He said he had lived in a number of communities both small towns, larger towns, and rural areas, and in the seven years he had never lived in a place where he enjoyed any more and had come to respect and love the people any more. He said the Town was in a rapid growth area and if you were to look at Percepts.com and their projection for growth you would see that Hope Mills was in one of the fastest growth areas in North Carolina, and was considered non-metropolitan, not like Cary or Charlotte. He said with growth comes many problems, among those the demand for services and needs that somebody somewhere was going to have to pay for. He said people demand annexation, and the Town has a walking track now, a recreation building being built, and more things happening and the demand continues to increase as the people increase. He said all that was going to demand some hard thinking and some tough decisions, because the Board was not just planning a budget for 2007, but 2008, 2009, 2010 and beyond, so that meant some visioning and some hard thinking.

Dr. Sheppard said when he turned on the TV news or picked up his paper in the mornings to read, it was not very often he did not see a scandal somewhere in some town in North Carolina with the Police or the Fire Department, but he had never seen that in Hope Mills. He said these were very professional people, he had seen them work, he had ridden with the Police Office, as he is the Chaplain for the Department, for death calls, he had been with them when they were in very difficult situations and he respected them. Dr. Sheppard said he had seen the work of the Fire Department, stated he knew first hand their willingness and interest in helping the community. Dr. Sheppard stated the Town was very blessed, and the employees deserved the very best because they gave their very best.

There being no one else to speak, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Dee asked if the Board wished to set a date for a budget workshop, and he would like to suggest Tuesday, June 27th.

Commissioner Luther made a motion to set a budget workshop for June 27, 7:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Collins, and unanimously carried.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

- a) Consideration to adopt ordinance amendment Section 90-360, One-Way Street (rescinding ordinance declaring Russell Street one-way).

Commissioner Luther made a motion to approve. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gorman.

Commissioner Legge stated he would like to hear Chief Hodges' opinion on Russell street. Chief Hodges stated he felt it should not be a two-way street, and said Russell Street was very narrow and two cars could not pass safely and did not think it should be a two-way street. Commissioner Legge said he was on Russell Street and it was tough to pass another car and they both had to go off the road just to pass each other.

In response to a question from Commissioner Legge, Mayor Dees said that notice was in the newspaper about Russell Street being converted back to a two-way street and he has had no comments except from the initial resident on Russell Street. Mayor Dees stated in the minutes when it was done, it did say that it was temporary, but it did say it was a result of the bridge being out, and when the bridge was repaired, the Board would consider whether or not it needed to be a one-way street. Mayor Dees stated that it had been narrow ever since it had been there, and there was only seven people that lived on that street, and those were the only seven people that were being punished in his opinion by it being one-way.

Chief Hodges stated it would be very difficult if it was made into a two-way street. In response to a question from Mayor Dees, Chief Hodges stated Russell Street was the only one-way street in the Town. Chief Hodges stated that did not mean it was not needed just because it was the

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only one in the Town. Mayor Dees stated that he was on that street the other day for about an hour and no one came down the street.

Commissioner Smith stated he had read the minutes from the meeting where the Board voted on the matter, and he went to look at Russell Street and in his opinion it was a very narrow street and he thought Chief Hodges had a point, even though it was the only one-way street in Hope Mills, that did not mean it should not be a one-way street. He stated he felt the residents would find if they went back to two-way, people would try to turn left and would cause more traffic to go by their houses and then they would be wanting it to be changed back to a one-way street. Commissioner Smith said he felt it should be left one-way.

Mayor Dees stated the motion was still open and needed to be voted on before voting on another motion. Mayor Dees stated the motion was rescinding ordinance declaring Russell Street a one-way and would allow two-way traffic.

Ayes: Commissioner Luther, Commissioner Collins

Noes: Commissioner Legge, Commissioner Gorman, Commissioner Smith

Mayor Dees stated that Russell Street would remain one-way.

- b) Consideration to authorize month-to-month rental for Bragg Mutual Federal Credit Union, Town Hall Office space.

Mr. Taylor stated the Credit Union's new office was not yet completed and Bragg Mutual would like to continue renting on a month-to-month basis in the amount of \$1,000.00, and further there were no outstanding tenants waiting to move in.

Commissioner Legge made a motion to continue renting to Bragg Mutual on a month-to-month basis at the current rate of \$1,000.00. Commissioner Gorman seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

In response to a question from Commissioner Collins, Mayor Dees stated the Board made a motion to advertise the office space for \$1,500.00 a month, but not necessarily to charge Bragg Mutual that amount.

9. STAFF CONCERNS.

There were none.

10. OFFICIAL CONCERNS.

Commissioner Gorman commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, and stated the Board had a very hard decision to make, and with the help of the people that spoke, this would help a lot and the Board would take their comments into consideration.
2. Stated the Board would take the comments of Ms. Linda Russell into consideration.
3. Stated he had attended the meeting of The Friends of the Lake, and it was very informative and was a very good meeting. He said it would open your eyes to see what they were trying to do. He said this was not a political organization as they were here to help the people of Hope Mills and help the Town of Hope Mills, and they were to be commended for what they were doing.

Commissioner Legge commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, and everyone who had spoken.

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2. Stated he knew there were some people that wanted to speak, but they did not do so. He asked that everyone put the Board in their prayers as they were going through a tough time.
3. Stated he received something for Father's Day that a lot of people did not have - a new grandson on Sunday and he was very proud.

Commissioner Collins commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, especially the Firemen and the Police Officers.
2. Stated The Friends of the Lake had a good and informative meeting and they were doing a great job.
3. Stated he had received a letter from a citizen wanting him to read it at the meeting. It said, "Dear Mr. Collins, as regarding the Hope Mills town budget I request the taxes not be raised. Furthermore, these adjoining areas along South Main Street, Legion Road and Elk Road should be annexed to Hope Mills. Thank you for serving us."

Commissioner Luther commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for coming out.
2. Stated it was always good to see the Police Department and the Fire Department come out, and the Board knew what a good job they did and the Town had records of that from all the awards through the state and the nation and was definitely proud of them. She stated do not ever think the Board was not here to support them, but supported the whole town and this meant making some hard decisions, some that she never thought she would have to make, so all she could do was to say please, if you need to contact the Board about anything, please contact them.
3. Stated there were a lot of people who did not like to come to the microphone to express themselves, and if anyone was one of those people, her phone number was in the phone directory and she was available to talk anytime.
4. Stated the Board appreciated having everyone out tonight and to please come back to find out what was going on in town, because this was the citizens' town and the Board needed the people to lead them in the way the citizens wanted the town to go. She said no one would find a better town than Hope Mills.
5. Stated if anyone had an argument with your neighbor this afternoon, and tonight you needed that neighbor for some emergency, they were there - that was Hope Mills - and that was the way it should be, so let's all work together and do the very best we can even with the things we have before us. Further, just as Commissioner Legge said, just pray for us and we will do the very best we can.

Commissioner Smith commented as follows:

1. Thanked Dr. Sheppard for the invocation, thanked Ms. Russell about the concerns in her neighborhood and getting involved in her neighborhood.
2. Thanked Mr. Lowder, Mr. Bellflowers and Dr. Sheppard for expressing their concerns on the budget, and said he was sure they expressed many of the concerns that other citizens had. He said maybe it would make the Board's job a little easier knowing that there were supporters out there.
3. Stated the Fire Department, Police Department, sanitation workers, and some

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employees who worked at the Town Hall all deserved what they got and he did not want to see the town lose trained, good employees to other municipalities due to the fact that the Town could not afford to pay them. In addition, he said some hard decisions would have to be made and the Board's backs were against the wall, and said he felt the root of the problem went much deeper than just raising taxes -- there came a time and place where the Board needed to start looking at doing things in the future so they do not have to be in this same position four or five years from now.

4. Stated one of Hope Mills citizens, Jackie Warner, Principal of Douglas Byrd High School, had to make a difficult decision not to allow a female student to walk during the graduation ceremony because she refused to wear a dress. He said thank goodness there was more support for Jackie Warner, but he heard some people say if it was in good taste, she should have been allowed to wear the pants. He asked whose good taste were we going to go by, and then were we going to set in a rule or regulation, and then who would we get to uphold, and follow those rules and regulations. He would like to thank Ms. Jackie Warner and other school officials for having the courage to uphold codes, rules and regulations. He stated that on the other hand he would like to see young people and citizens use a democratic process to change any rules or regulations that they did not like or they thought was unfair, and that was why the Board was here to have a democratic process. Commissioner Smith stated that speaking on Ms. Warner's behalf he knew it was a very hard decision for her, and knew she had lost sleep over it, but he thought citizens of Hope Mills were in support of her and he was in support of the schools, administrators, Police Officers and other town employees.
5. Thanked everyone for coming out and showing their support.

Mayor Dees commented as follows:

1. Thanked everyone for coming out to the meeting, and said that this was the largest turnout of town employees that he could remember, and he would like to invite them back every week. He said this meant a lot for the Board to know that they were here and cared about what was going on.
2. Stated that the budget was an important issue, and he appreciated all the comments of everyone who stood up tonight and spoke. He said he knew it was not easy to get up and stand before that microphone and he was sure there were others that had opinions they would like to express, and he would like to thank them for coming out and being a part of this meeting.
3. Stated in the last couple of weeks he had learned that a budget often tells us what we cannot afford, but that does not always keep us from buying it. He said he felt it was a good budget and Mr. Taylor and Mr. Stafford had worked very hard on it, but in many ways it could be better and it should be better and it was the Board's job to continue to make it better. He commented they were asked to stay out of the reserves for the first time in a couple of years, and if the Town could continue to do so in planning and approving this budget that we would then be able to have the necessary funds to do the Capital Improvement Plan everyone keeps talking about. Mayor Dees said you could not have a plan if did not have the money to fund it, and this was the first time in three years that we had not gone into the reserves which would be a natural place for us to get the money to do that. He stated he hoped we would be able to pull this off without going into the reserves.
4. Thanked everyone for coming out and all the suggestions will be taken under consideration both those that were made privately as well as those made publicly.
5. Stated he hoped everyone had a happy Father's Day, and congratulated Commissioner Legge.

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6. Reminded everyone that the "Welcome Home Day" was this Friday at Fantasy Lake, and he appreciated everything the 35th Signal Brigade does for us. He said he was glad to help honor them in this way.

In response to a question from Mayor Dees, Ms. Kilgore stated that this was the 30th annual 4th of July Celebration. She said the parade will start at 3:00 p.m., begin at Hope Mills Middle School and end at Rockfish Elementary School. Ms. Kilgore said all the other events would be on fields 1 and 2 behind the Recreation Center and she wanted everyone to enjoy a fun day. She said there would be bands, great displays, a lot of vendors and the fireworks would be at 9:15 p.m., and this would be the first time having a woman less pageant.

7. Thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for all they do and said he was looking forward to a big 4th of July.
8. Reminded everyone there would not be a regular board meeting on July 3rd.

Mr. Jim Clark briefly explained what the "Welcome Home Day" proclamation meant, and stated the purpose of the event on June 23rd was to make sure what happened after the Vietnam War never happened again, at least not in Hope Mills. He stated in February, 1989 Hope Mills decided to adopt the 35th Signal Brigade and in return the 35th Signal Brigade adopted the Town of Hope Mills. He asked the Commissioners and everyone to come out to just say thank you.

11. CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS 143-318.11(A)(3)(5)(6) TO CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEY ON MATTERS WITHIN THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE AND TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL MATTERS.

At 8:28 p.m., Commissioner Gorman made a motion to enter into Closed Session. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

The Board took a five minute break before entering into Closed Session.

At 8:33 p.m., Mayor Dees called the Closed Session to order.

It was Board consensus that the minutes of the Closed Session be sealed until such time as the release of the information would no longer frustrate the purpose of the Closed Session. It was noted that the Board would immediately upon returning to open session offer a motion to this effect.

12. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION.

At 9:35 p.m., Commissioner Collins made a motion to return to regular session. Commissioner Legge seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

13. CLOSED SESSION MINUTES.

Commissioner Gorman made a motion to seal the minutes of the Closed Session until such time as the release of the information would no longer frustrate the purpose of the Closed Session, and further no action was taken. Commissioner Luther seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

14. ADJOURNMENT.

At 9:40 p.m., upon a motion by Commissioner Luther, seconded by Commissioner Smith and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned.

EDDIE DEES, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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Natashia McCants, Deputy Town Clerk