



**TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE**  
**Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**May 16, 2022, 7:00PM**  
**201 S Main Street, Princeville, NC 27886**

**Amid the COVID-19, the Board of Commissioners meeting will be open to 20 citizens. All other citizens can join via teleconference.**

**Board Present: Mayor Bobbie Jones, Mayor Pro-Tem Linda Joyner, Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick, Commissioner Alvin Jones, Commissioner Milton Bullock**

**Staff: Town Manager Glenda Knight, Town Clerk Jessica Rudd, Public Works Director Rydedrick Porter, Attorney Dana Jones**

**Guests: Jake Petrosky (Stewart) Attorney Durwin Jones, Steven Moysey (CoPe), Sandra Stanley, Leon Wilkins (Princeville School Research Project), Marquetta Dickens (Princeville Homecoming), Robert Andrews**

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call (Mute phones please. Presider, please state the date for recording purposes)- Mayor**

**II. Invocation-Commissioner Alvin Jones**

**III. Pledge of Allegiance-N/A**

**Public Hearing- (53 acres)**

Commissioner Myrick motioned to open public hearing, Commissioner Joyner seconded. Vote carried 4-0

- Jake Petrosky with Stewart presented the revised concept plan for the board and citizens to view. This plan combined concept B & C. He stated the original plan was trying to integrate a lot of residential on the 53 acres. Now, since the Town has acquired 88 acres, the thought was to increase commercial. Option D would have a balance of residential and commercial. He stated he had a couple of additional edits recommended to be looked at further and will convey it to Wooten Company. Next steps would be getting more details calculating the number of housing units and lots and commercial square footage.

Commissioner Joyner motioned to close public hearing, Commissioner Jones seconded. Vote carried 4-0.

Commissioner Joyner motioned to approve option D for the concept plan, Commissioner Bullock seconded. Vote carried 4-0

**IV. Public Comments: (Limited to 2 minutes)**

- Marquetta Dickens re-introduced herself to the board and stated her goal is to bring young people back to the Town of Princeville. She stated her advocacy for the Town started in 2016 and that has not changed and looks forward to continuing to do work with the community.

- Tracey Knight, owner of Tray-seas Soul Food came before the board seeking help with keeping her business open. She stated she has put in a lot of hard work and would like to keep the restaurant open in the Town.
- Josephine Bridgers stated Tray-seas Soul Food is in danger of closing and wanted to know if the Town had any funds they could allocate to help small businesses. She added anything the Town could donate would be extremely helpful.
- Calvin Adkins stated he has decided to no longer report negative news about the Town of Princeville in the newspaper. He stated the last few meetings he has attended has been bad and its important to have journalist in the meetings so they can report back to the citizens what's going on. He expressed his concerns on bringing in new planning board members and getting rid of 3 experienced members. Mr. Adkins spoke about mobile homes being placed on 1<sup>st</sup> street and added that the planning board suggested at one time to allow double wides in the Town, but it never went through. He also stated that the Town has had several illegal meetings. He stated the meeting when Commissioner Bullock was elected was not given the proper 48 notice and therefore any action he takes is illegal. He suggested the Town call the meeting and do it the right way. Mr. Adkins also stated that in another Special Called meeting an item was discussed and voted on that was not listed on the notice. He also spoke about the Town purchasing new lawn mowers and auctioning off the old ones. He added he wants the Town to thrive and to do what's right.

**V. Announcement (Read by Mayor Bobbie Jones)**

- 1) Coronavirus testing sites: Freedom Hill, Vidant walk-in clinic, Heritage Park
- 2) Covid Vaccination: ECHD, Freedom Hill, Walgreen, Walmart, OIC
- 3) Spotlight Ad deadline extended to June 24, 2022

**VI. Adjustment to Agenda-** Commissioner Joyner motioned to remove #4 under Town Manager's report and move it to Presentation #2. Commissioner Jones seconded. Vote carried 4-0. Commissioner Jones motioned to add waiver to number # 4 under old business, Commissioner Bullock seconded. Vote carried 4-0.

**VII. Approval of the Agenda (Recommendation: Approval)-**Commissioner Joyner motioned to approve the agenda with necessary changes Commissioner Jones seconded. Vote carried 4-0

**Consent Agenda-**Commissioner Joyner, motioned to approve the consent agenda, Commissioner Jones seconded. Vote carried 4-0

**VIII. Presentation**

- 1) Commissioner Linda Joyner acknowledged the Planning Board Members for doing an outstanding job and presented them with certificates and a small token of appreciation. The planning board members being honored were Calvin Adkins, Linda Worsley, Delores Porter, and Doristine Wiggins. She stated the decision to reappoint members was not due to any ill will or malice, but she thinks it's important to give as many citizens as possible the opportunity to serve in different positions. Mayor thanked the board members as well and stated to keep doing what they do for the Town of Princeville. Commissioner Myrick asked when did the board vote to dismiss the planning board committee. Mayor stated they didn't need to vote on it because it's in the ordinance and the ordinance is already in place. No further questions.
- 2) Attorney Durwin Jones, Deputy Director, and general counsel for the governor's Office of State Budget and Management, disaster recovery section came before the

board to share the proposal for the 88 acres. Copies of the proposed resolution that established partnership between the State and the Town of Princeville and outlined framework to start the phase 1 development of the 88 acres for 25 lots was given to the board. He stated he came to the board to secure a minimum of 2.1 million dollars to start the development of residential housing on the 88-acre site. Attorney Jones stated the reason they are partnering with the Town is they understand that there have already been 11 buyouts under FEMA's hazard mitigation program and the Town of Princeville and under HUD's community development block, disaster mitigation program they have offered to buy additional properties in the Town of Princeville. He added the state understands that will have a drastic impact on the tax base of the Town and one way to offset those buyouts is to start developing at the 88-acre site. Office is intending to do is start the process of procuring an engineering firm to help with planning, zoning, and annexation that has already been accomplished by Stewart. Commissioner Jones read the resolution authorizing framework for the 88 acres. Commissioner Myrick motioned to approve the resolution; Commissioner Jones seconded. Vote carried 4-0.

- 3) Steven Moysey, ECU Professor, came to talk about the Coastlines and People (CoPe) project that they are working with Princeville on. New national science foundation project that's focused on understanding the different challenges communities are facing dealing with environmental issues, ranging from floods and stormwater management to septic tank issues and water quality issues. With this project they are looking at what are some of the issues today, what will be the issues in the future and how are people are going to deal with those different kinds of problems. He stated this summer they are looking at starting community science groups to get middle and high school students involved. Those science groups will come back and report to the board and community what they've learned and discuss any concerns. Mr. Moysey stated there will be a public meeting to talk about the programming this summer at 7:00pm at the Town Hall.
- 4) Sandra Stanley and Leon Wilkins came before the board to talk about the Princeville Research Project. They stated they are very invested in this project and are trying preserve the educational history of Princeville from 1883 to 1964. Mrs. Stanley stated they chose those dates because Princeville School was established in 1863 and in 1964 Mrs. Stanley and Mr. Wilkins graduated. Mrs. Stanley stated Princeville has a well-documented history and they want people to know the rich history about Princeville School. She stated she hopes and some point she can sit down with the board and tell them about the educators and Principals from that time period.
- 5) Marquetta Dickens, Dr. Nelson, and Turquoise came to talk about the Princeville Homecoming Event. They stated they have riders coming from all over the United States to learn about the Town of Princeville. Dr. Nelson stated she partnered with Edgecombe Community College. Dr. Nelson stated she has already emailed and spoken with Sheriff Atkinson and shared he will be riding in the bike rally. She stated that they have the bike route map and are fine with them riding on the roads. She added there will be no parking on Town property and asked if the board member had any concerns or questions.
- 6) Robert Andrews presented his proposed Juneteenth event which would include a parade, food trucks, games and music. He stated he would like to see the Town getting



involved more with Community events he hosts. Mr. Andrews stated he has all the paperwork ready and wanted to know if there was anything else he needed to do in order to make this event happen. Commissioner Myrick motioned to accept the Juneteenth event contingent on completed all paperwork and coordinating with Sheriff's office and waive the application fee. Commissioner Joyner seconded. Vote carried 3-0. Commissioner Jones recused himself from the vote.

**IX. Department Reports (See attachments)**

- 1) Finance- No questions
- 2) Public Works- Mayor asked the status of a new public works director and Dr. Knight stated she has a few applications but has not starting interviewing yet due to being preoccupied with other urgent matters. She added she is not in a rush and will get that in a timely matter.
- 3) Historic Preservation Coordinator- No questions
- 4) Senior Center- Mayor stated he was asked if the Senior Center could be rented out now, without the use of the elevator. Dr. Knight stated it could be rented out.
- 5) Edgecombe County Sheriff Office- No questions
- 6) Princeville Volunteer Fire Department- No questions

**X. Town Managers Report**

- 1) Senior Center- Dr. Knight stated the board received an email from Burney and Burney as it relates to the failing of the sump pump. She stated next, they will have to go back to the design team and come up with design for the sump pump so it will increase the success of passing the next test with the Department of Labor. Dr. Knight also stated that Ms. Tate has proposed to reopen the Senior Center for programming starting on the 30<sup>th</sup> from 9-3. There were no objections.
- 2) Heritage Park- Dr. Knight stated they are still waiting to see if they can secure funds for the Farmer's Market. She also stated Conservation Trust will not be able to do the walking trail because of the type of substance needed to be used for the trail which is concrete. She stated Conservation Trust are now going back to clear the community gardens and the Heritage Trail as they work towards the stormwater management. Dr. Knight said they are back to the drawing board with Wooten & Associates for engineering and Oakley Collier to come up with a design, even if it's a smaller facility on a pad that can be extended to the Farmer's Market. Dr. Knight also stated that the historic preservation coordinator is proposing to start a mini farmer's market at Heritage Park on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in June from 10-2. The mini farmer's market will enhance any grants the historic preservation coordinator is pursuing. She added they are proposing to have the application fee set at 10 dollars. There were no objections.
- 3) Museum- Per Dr. Knight's Managers report on Friday, the Town is still preparing for the appeal process for the museum. She stated they are coordinating with Oakley Collier and who is addressing a few clarifying questions as it relates to the work for the museum so the Town can get out of the category of upgrading, which would be at the total expense of the Town but to have FEMA dollars obligated for pre disaster return for the Museum. Oakley promised to have their Q&A back to the Town by Monday. Commissioner Joyner asked for an update on the town of Morrisville requesting to use the mobile museum. Dr. Knight stated she and Kelsi drafted a temporary agreement for the Town and they have not heard back from

them. She added the agreement may be something that the board need to revisit in June. No further questions.

- 4) CDBG-NR Grant – Dr. Knight stated she and Kelsi had a conversation with Tirence from Upper Coastal Plain to find out more about this opportunity. She stated this grant is a community development block grant for low-income households units of owner occupancy. It is capped at \$750,000 so we can anticipate maybe 3 or 4 replacements with this grant. She added they are waiting on Tirence to send them a sample by-laws to establish a selection committee and an application sample. She stated she will stay tuned with additional information from Tirence and the deadline for the Town would be October. No further questions.
- 5) SEPI- Dr. Knight stated they submitted the board's approval for phase 3 of paving and the response from NCORR was that those funds could be used for Payroll. She went back tot the application and provided a response to NCORR and are waiting to hear back from them so they can move forward.

#### **XI. Old Business**

- 1) Reminder (retreat date) The retreat will be held on May 21,2022 from 9-5 at the Senior Center Building.
- 2) Planning Board. Dr. Knight stated they need one recommendation from the board to fill the planning board vacancy. She stated she did speak with Kenneth Sanders and he desires to continue being a member of the planning board. The Planning Board will consist of Kelsi Dew, Kenneth Sanders, 1 recommendation from the board, and 2 appointments from the county. Commissioner Joyner motioned to appoint Janelle Bell Suggs to the planning board, Commissioner Bullock seconded. Vote carried 4-0. Recommendations from the County will come in June to get them in and trained in July.
- 3) Community Youth Summit- Dr. Knight stated the goal is to unite all businesses, faith based organizations within the community for a community wide Youth Summit. The date of anticipation for the summit is July 23<sup>rd</sup>. She stated that would look like partnering with law enforcement, DSS, ECC, Mental Health organizations and different skill building. She added they will be looking for donations and partnerships and will engage the Youth Advisory Board.
- 4) Waiver- Commissioner Joyner stated she spoke with the seniors about the misconception of the vehicle. She stated there was a lot of confusion regarding the waiver and citizens were not able to understand it. She added she spoke with the former Attorney, and she gave her a different point of view and she passed that information to the seniors at the Senior Luncheon and a lot of them appreciated that. Commissioner Joyner suggested the board submit another waiver that is clearer for the Seniors to understand and hold on to the current waiver until the Town get's another one from them to sign. Mayor suggested the board wait until they get another Attorney. No further questions.

#### **XII. New Business**

- 1) Waste Industries Contract Agreement- Dr. Knight shared with the board a copy of the updated agreement with an increase since the last agreement that was signed.

- 2) LUMEN- Dr. Knight stated Lumen is transitioning everything from centurylink over to the official name of Lumen. Any updated contracts or agreements that will be signed will be signed under the LUMEN company.

**XIII.**

**Executive Session:** Commissioner Joyner voted to go into executive session, Commissioner Jones seconded, vote carried 4-0.

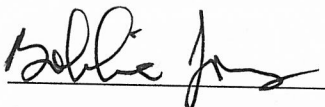
- N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1)(6) To prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the law of this State or of United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of the Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
- N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(4) To discuss relating to the location or expansion of industries agreement on a tentative list of economic development incentives that may be offered by the public body in negotiations or to discuss matters relating to military installation closure or realignment.

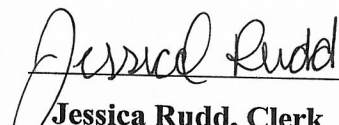
Commissioner Joyner motioned to end executive session, Commissioner Myrick seconded, vote carried 4-0. Commissioner Myrick motioned to resume regular session, Commissioner Bullock seconded, vote carried 4-0.

- 1) Economic Development- Commissioner Myrick motioned to send certified letter to owner of 320 Mutual Blvd requesting him to move his property, Commissioner Bullock seconded. Vote carried 4-0
- 2) Personnel- Commissioner Myrick motioned to send Attorney Jones Attorney the letter requesting the documentation the Town needs, Commissioner Jones seconded. Vote carried 4-0

**XIV. Board Comments-** Commissioner Myrick stated he didn't have time to ask questions during the Finance and was hoping Town Manager had some legal representation at the meeting tonight. He added there was a lot of positive information shared tonight and the board should take it into consideration and move forward.

**XV. Adjournment-** Commissioner Jones motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Joyner seconded; vote carried 4-0.

 06/23/2022  
Bobbie Jones, Mayor Date

 6-23-2022  
Jessica Rudd, Clerk Date

