

TOWN OF GARLAND
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2024
6:30PM

The Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, NC on Monday, June 24 2024, at 6:30pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Mayor Austin Brown, Commissioner Lee Carberry, Mayor Pro Tem Timothy Blackburn, Commissioner Ralph Smith, Commissioner Jo Strickland, Commissioner Anthony Norris and Town Clerk, Shauna' Harper. Also in attendance were residents.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and welcomed everyone in attendance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendy Taylor, an outside town limits resident, expressed her concern of a non-fire tax for in town residents. It is not fair that she and others pay fire tax outside town limits and in town would receive same service with no fee. Please consider a fire tax for in town residents to be fair.

Thomas Grajek, an outside town limits resident, was recently at a Sampson County meeting and the town has no business in the fire department budget. Should be separate budgets. One not having anything to do with the other.

Winnifred Murphy, an in-town resident, expressed her concern after reviewing the BVA and budget. She disagreed with the previous comment from Mrs. Taylor about an in-town fire tax for residents. She also expressed concern about the lack of services from the past from the town after paying high tax rates.

Unknown, out of town limit citizens want to have meetings posted and wants to see diversity come together for the greater of Garland.

Sampson County collects the vehicle and property taxes for the town at a rate of 1 ½ to 2% . Commissioner Smith motion to accept Sampson County affidavit to continue to collect for the town, seconded by Commissioner Strickland, motion carried.

Budget clean ups were made through budget amendment, as well as an amendment to pay debt services. Motion made by Commissioner Smith to accept that Sampson County collect vehicle and property taxes for the Town of Garland @ 1 ½ to 2% of total collection efforts.

The FY24-2025 fee schedule was adopted as is. Commissioner Smith motion to accept the budget clean up and Mayor Pro Tem seconded, all in favor, motion passed.


Mayor Pro Tem Blackburn was reviewing the budget and so noted that the fund balance was used last year to balance the budget. He asked questions about the cuts that

Commissioner Strickland made, and she explained how she produced it. Mayor Brown also added that money can be moved within a department and the fund balance is over 1 million dollars, if needed somewhere.

A motion was made by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting seconded by Commissioner Strickland, in favor.


Meeting adjourned at approx. 7:30

Duly adopted on the 2 day of July, 2024 while in regular session.



Austin Brown, Mayor

ATTEST


Shauna Harper, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

