

**TOWN OF GARLAND  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2019  
6:30 PM**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, N.C. on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

**Austin Brown  
Eddie Bronson, Jr.  
Carolyn R. Melvin**

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were absent:

**Mary Brown  
S. J. Smith**

Also present was Attorney Alan Maynard and Mr. Chase Jordan of the *Sampson Independent*.

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Mayor Winifred H. Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. Town Clerk, Pamela Cashwell, was present serving as clerk recording notes for the minutes.

**QUORUM**

Mayor Winifred H. Murphy and Town Clerk Pamela Cashwell established there was a quorum present.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Commissioner Austin Brown made a motion to enter into closed session at 6:36 pm (Pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11(3) Attorney-Client Privilege and (6) Personnel), seconded by Commissioner Carolyn R. Melvin and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Austin Brown made a motion to exit closed session at 7:21 pm, seconded by Commissioner Carolyn R. Melvin and carried unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION**

Back in open session at 7:34 pm. No action taken in closed session.

**PERSONNEL**

Commissioner Austin Brown made a motion to hire Mr. R. Boone for public works on a temporary basis with no benefits at \$12.00/hour starting November 27, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Bronson Jr. and carried unanimously.

**Commissioner Austin Brown made a motion to hire Brandon Hairr as an ORC for wastewater at a rate of \$60.00/visit effective December 1, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Bronson Jr. and carried unanimously.**

### **PLANNING & ZONING**

**Mayor Murphy recognized Mr. Julian Carr and allowed him to speak in opposition of a cell tower being erected in front of his property.**

**Commissioner Austin Brown made a motion to rescind the previous motion for approval of a cell tower text change in the ordinance and to send the application from Tilman Infrastructure back to the planning and zoning board. All recommendations from the planning and zoning board need to be in written format and indicate whether recommendations are for permitted uses or conditional uses, along with the minutes of the planning and zoning board meetings indicating who was present at the planning and zoning meeting. Tilman Infrastructure needs to be invited to make a presentation of their request to the board with specifics along with proof of adjacent property owners notifications. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Eddie Bronson Jr. and carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy recognized Mr. Leo Skinner of the Planning and Zoning Board to speak. Mr. Skinner stated he was as lost as Mr. Carr regarding the cell tower. He stated they didn't have a meeting concerning this or the zoning request submitted by Evening Light Church. He continued that the only meeting they had was regarding the storage units and they denied the request and the applicant left hot. He stated he was thinking of resigning from the board as there are two people making all the decisions.**

**Mayor Murphy asked the board about the storage unit application. Commissioner Bronson Jr. asked if they could hold off on this. Commissioner Austin Brown asked does this mean they will start to work on them. Mayor Murphy stated we will move on with since no motion has been made.**

**Mayor Murphy stated it is time to appoint or re-appoint planning and zoning board members as they are appointed to three-year terms. She stated she will get with the current members to see if they can meet once a month and inquire if they want to remain on the board.**

### **PURCHASE APPROVALS**

**Heating Unit for Town Hall- Board members discussed the quote to replace the heating unit for townhall provided by *Terry Long Electrical Services* in the amount of \$6,000.00, along with the warranty for the proposed unit. Commissioner Austin Brown made a motion to approve the quote as presented, seconded by Commissioner Carolyn R. Melvin and carried unanimously.**

**Mayor Murphy stated she received a quote for the *Roof Doctor* for repairing the roof at townhall in the amount of \$13,000.00. She stated we haven't ever received the quotes from**

the two companies that the insurance company recommended. She stated water continues to pour in from the roof into the bay and needs to be fixed sooner rather than later.

Commissioner Austin Brown made a motion to purchase 1000 sheets of water bills at an estimated cost of \$750.00, seconded by Commissioner Eddie Bronson Jr. and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Austin Brown asked if the insurance company was going to cover some of the cost of the roofing repairs. Mayor Murphy stated they would cover some of the cost of the repairs. Discussion ensued on the \$13,500.00 that was spent less than a year ago to repair the same roof and whether on not the warranty of ten years would be honored. Board members asked Attorney Maynard to reach out to the contractor regarding the roof not lasting for even a year after repairs were completed.

Mayor Murphy informed the board of possibly getting some FEMA funds for the repairs as well as opening the former FEMA claims on buildings that had damage beyond the assessed damage reports.

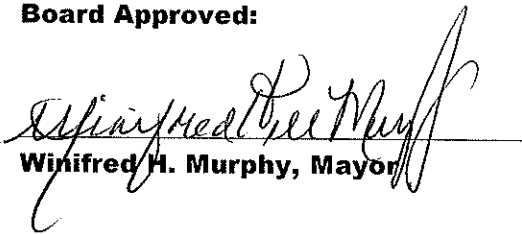
**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Austin Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Carolyn R. Melvin and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.



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Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk

**Board Approved:**

  
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Winifred H. Murphy, Mayor