

## Minutes April 11, 2022

The Creswell Town Board of Commissioners met on Monday at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Edwin Blount, Commissioner Syble Spruill, Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Ambrose, Commissioner Brenda Logan and Commissioner Joel Harris.

Commissioner Logan provided the invocation.

Commissioner Spruill provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Spruill moved to approve the minutes and waive the reading of the March meeting(s). Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The finance summary was presented to the board by the clerk and accepted. Commissioner Ambrose moved to accept the proposed budget amendment presented by the clerk. Commissioner Spruill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### Unfinished Business:

-No unfinished business

### New Business:

-Commissioner Harris moved to pay the invoice from Sawyer and Sons Construction for storage fee for storing and maintaining gas contaminated soil on plastic and to haul gas contaminated soil from location of leak in Creswell to Sawyer Farms in the amount of \$8,553.78. Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The Mayor read to the board a letter he received from Washington County Early College High School about one of the service projects the students serve is "Hunger Heroes" program. In this program the students fill back packs and send them home with K-5 elementary students who have been identified as having food insecurities. The back packs are filled with canned goods and others staples that students can easily eat or prepare themselves. In the letter, WCECHS was seeking donations to help with the service project. Commissioner Spruill moved to give Washington County Early College High School a \$200 gift card to Food Lion to be able to buy canned goods to help with the "Hunger Heroes" program. Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Tracy Curlings, Creswell citizen, appeared before the board to inform them of the Farmers' Market she wants to bring to Creswell. The Farmers' Market would be located on the corner of Sixth and Main Street. She wants to start on Saturday, April 16, 2022 from 8:00 am – noonish or around 1:00 p.m. depending on the crowd. No cooking booth will be allowed. The board gave Mrs. Curlings their approval of the Farmers' Market.

Commissioner Harris mentioned patching some of the potholes around town. Ryan said he could get some cold patch and be able to patch the holes. Commissioner Harris moved to give Ryan permission to purchase a pallet of cold patch to patch the potholes in town. Commissioner Spruill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The clerk asked the board if they wanted to purchase an ad in the Discover Washington County Magazine for \$250. Commissioner Spruill moved to purchase the \$250 ad for Discover Washington County Magazine. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ambrose mentioned to the board that he would like for the Mayor to invite the Washington County School Superintendent to meet with the town board and let the town know what is going on with the new school. The board agree for the Mayor to contact the school superintendent.

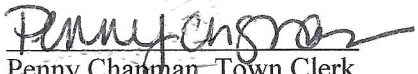
The clerk informed the board that the Cycle NC was coming up on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Betsy Barnyard on Main Street is going to be a resting stop for them. Also, if you are going to be a volunteer please sign up this week.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.



Edwin Ray Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)



Penny Chapman, Town Clerk

**Minutes of April 13, 2022**  
**Budget Workshop**

The Town Board of Commissioners met on Wednesday at 6 p.m. for a budget workshop to discuss the proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget with the following members present: Mayor Edwin Blount, Commissioner Syble Spruill, Commissioner Ronald Ambrose and Commissioner Joel Harris.

Also attended the workshop was town clerk, Penny Chapman.

Commissioner Ambrose gave the invocation.

The clerk presented to the board a proposed budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023.

The clerk informed the board that the only changes in the general budget from last year's budget were a 3% increase in salary for the clerk and a few of the expense items had increased. The tax rate will stay the same as last year. The water and sewer budgets had a 3% increase in salaries for full-time employees and some of the expense items were decreased. The rates are proposed to stay the same for the water and sewer.

Commissioner Spruill suggested increasing the fire department yearly contribution by a \$1,000.

The board discussed increasing part-time employee, Ray Owens, hours in the water department as long as it is something he wants to do. The clerk will talk to him before the next budget meeting.

Another workshop is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 6 p.m.



Edwin R. Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)



Penny F. Chapman, Clerk