Minutes August 14, 2023

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

Commissioner Logan provided the invocation.

Commissioner Spruill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The finance summary was presented to the board by the clerk and accepted.

New Business:

-Jenny Melton appeared before the board to inform the Town of the closing of Creswell Methodist Church and see if the board could do something with the building. The board informed Ms. Melton that the town couldn't do anything but maybe she could contact the Historic Preservation to see if they could help out. The church will hold a closing ceremony on Sunday, August 20, 2023 at 5 pm.

-Mavis Hill presented to the board a proposed proclamation designating August 14, 2023, as the Chanaiah Elisa Drew Day. Ms. Hill also presented to the board some information on Community Heart and Soul.

-Eric Peartree appeared before the board to introduce himself as the new Tyrrell County Recreation Director and ask for any support in getting the word out on fall sports would be greatly appreciated.

-The clerk presented the Tax Collector's Report and Order to Collect from the Washington County Tax Office. Commissioner Spruill moved to accept the Order to Collect from Washington County Tax Office. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

-The clerk informed the board that the front porch rail at the town office still needs to be replaced. The board informed the clerk to get prices for replacing the rail.

Commissioner Ambrose moved to go into closed session according to NCGS §143-318.11(a)(6) (personnel). Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

The board came out of closed session to discuss work performance reviews by department heads. Commissioner Ambrose moved to add into the handbook that all department heads are to have a work performance review report to the Board no later than April 15th of every year. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Edwin R. Blount, Mayor

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Penny Chappaan, Town Clerk