

Minutes February 1, 2021
Joint Meeting with Fire Department

The Creswell Town Board of Commissioners met jointly with the fire department board on Monday at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Mayor Edwin Blount, Commissioner Syble Spruill, Commissioner Ronald Ambrose, Commissioner Joel Harris and Commissioner Brenda Logan.

Commissioner Harris informed every one the reason for holding the joint meeting between the town and fire department boards was to get feed back on the proposal of letting the fire department take ownership of the building.

The fire department had the following concerns:

- Will the Town charge the Fire Department for water and sewer and if so, what would their rates be?
- Will the land go with the building?
- Will the Town give extra funding to help with the extra expense?
- Will the Town still use the building?


Commissioner Harris informed the firemen that the questions couldn't be answer at that time but the board would get back with them.

Other discussion was if the town turns the building over to the fire department then they are asking for \$20,000 increase in funding and if the town decides to keep the building the fire department is asking for an additional \$5,000 to increase the budget to \$10,000. The board informed the firemen that it would depend on the budget.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.


Edwin R. Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)


Penny Chapman, Town Clerk

Minutes February 8, 2021

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 Ronald Ambrose, Commissioner Joel Harris and Commissioner Brenda Logan.

Commissioner Ambrose provided the invocation.

Commissioner Spruill provided the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Unfinished Business:

-The clerk informed the board that she had received one bid for the vinyl railing at the town office but was unsure what the bid consists of because Ryan took care of getting the bid. Ryan was not present at the meeting so the board agreed to table until next meeting before opening the bid so Ryan can explain.

-Commissioner Ambrose informed the board that the total amount to repair the fire department from termite damage was \$6,900. The firemen did all the work repairing the damages. Commissioner Spruill moved to donate \$5,000 toward the cost of repairs from termite damage to the fire department building. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

New Business:

-Commissioner Ambrose moved to accept the new 2021 IRS standard mileage rate of 56 cents per mile. Commissioner Spruill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

-The clerk presented to the board the tax collector's report as of January 31, 2021. The total of unpaid 2020 taxes that are liens on Real Property is \$11,757.08. The clerk informed the board that letters will be mailed the first week of March to notify the taxpayers of their delinquencies and that the delinquent taxes will be advertised in April. Commissioner Ambrose moved to accept the tax collector's report of unpaid 2020 taxes that are liens on Real Property as of January 31, 2021. Commissioner Spruill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

-The clerk presented to the board an amended contract from Cumbee, Taylor & Shook, PA to audit accounts. Commissioner Spruill moved to accept the amended contract from Cumbee, Taylor & Shook, PA to audit accounts. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

-Commissioner Spruill moved to purchase a truck load of rock from Sawyers and Sons to repair the driveway for the town office and fire department. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

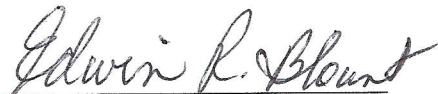
-Commissioner Ambrose moved to purchase a generator for the water and sewer department and not to spend no more than a \$1,000. Commissioner Spruill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

-The clerk informed the board that she had met with a representative with BB&T banking and discussed all banking options for the town. The Town board agreed to pursue going with BB&T for banking services.


-The clerk asked the board if they wanted the assistant, Amy Clifton, added to the signature card at the bank so in case of an emergency the clerk is unavailable then the assistant will be able to sign checks in her place. The clerk informed the board that she believed that the assistant would have to be bonded and sworn in to be able to sign checks but she will check to make sure. The board agreed to add Amy Clifton, office assistant, to the signature card at the bank to only sign checks in the case of the clerk/finance officer not being available to do so.

-Commissioner Spruill moved to charge \$200 for tampering fee plus criminal charge. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.


Edwin R. Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)


Penny Chapman, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CRESWELL
PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT
February 8, 2021**

General Fund

BA#3

Item	Item Description	Increase	Decrease
Professional Fees	To balance account	2,000.00	
Future Expenditure	Transfer funds to balance accounts		2,000.00

JUSTIFICATION: Requesting money transfer from reserve balance to accounts to balance the budget.

Water Fund

BA#3

Item	Item Description	Increase	Decrease
Professional Fees	To balance account	1,500.00	
Contingency	Transfer funds to balance accounts		1,500.00

JUSTIFICATION: Requesting money transfer from contingency to accounts to balance the budget.



Edwin Ray Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)



Penny F. Chapman, Clerk