

## **Minutes February 13, 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 Brenda Logan, Commissioner Joel Harris and Commissioner Syble Spruill.

The Mayor provided the invocation.

Commissioner Spruill led 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 as presented by the clerk. Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

### Unfinished Business:

-Commissioner Harris presented to the board a copy of the benches the business owners would like placed on Main Street. Only two business owners wanted the benches, Barnyard Betsy and Big Blue 252 Coffee Shop. Both business owners agreed they would keep up the maintenance on the benches. Commissioner Logan moved to purchase two benches to be placed in front of Barnyard Betsy and Big Blue 252 Coffee Shop. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and all were in favor except for Commissioner Spruill who was opposed. The clerk will contact the insurance company or town attorney to check on the liability of placing the benches on Main Street and also the NC Department of Transportation to ask about the right-of-way.

-The clerk presented to the board information on three (3) different security cameras for the town office. Commissioner Harris informed the board he was in favor for whatever camera the clerk felt would be best. Commissioner Harris moved to give the clerk permission to purchase whatever security camera system she felt was best for the town office. Commissioner Spruill seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

-The clerk presented to the board a quote from Soundside Group for a back up system for the two (2) computers in the town office. The clerk also presented a quote for a new PC for the town office. Commissioner Spruill moved to accept the quotes from Soundside Group for the back-up system and new PC for the town office. Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

-The clerk presented to the board information she had research on Facebook Live. There would be a big expense for the town to have Facebook Live. The town would have to purchase a Webcam, Video conferencing application (such as YouTube or Facebook), laptop, screen/monitor and internet access. The board agreed to not pursue having Facebook Live due to the expense.

### New Business:

-Lowell Taylor, CPA for the town, presented the fiscal year 2021-2022 audit to the board. Mr. Taylor informed the board that the town got a clean audit report for the year. Mr. Taylor went over each material weakness and all other matters involving internal control that are opportunities

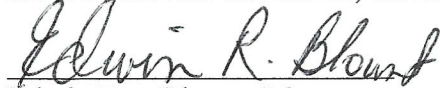
for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency that came to their attention during the audit. \*A copy of the financial statements is in the town office for the public to view.

-Commissioner Spruill moved to accept the amendment to contract to audit accounts that was presented by Lowell Taylor. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.


-The clerk informed the board that the town had received a letter from the Department of Transportation stating that according to the current data reflected in the Powell Bill Reporting System, the current balance exceeds the sum of the allowed number of allocations by an estimated \$5,747.18. The clerk informed the board that approximately \$8,400.00 had already been spent for this fiscal year.

-Carol Phelps, County Commissioner, updated the Board with things going on in the county.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

  
Edwin Ray Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)


  
Penny Chapman, Town Clerk

**TOWN OF CRESWELL**  
**PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT**  
**February 13, 2023**

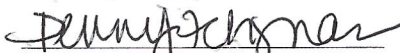
**Water Fund**  
**BA#3**

Item	Item Description	Increase	Decrease
Insurance	To balance account	70.00	
Maintenance	To balance account	7,500.00	
Truck Operations	To balance account	500.00	
Contingency	Transfer funds to balance accounts		500.00
Future Expenditure (reserve)	Transfer funds to balance accounts		5,570.00
Equipment	Transfer funds to balance accounts		2,000.00

JUSTICIATION: Requesting money transfer from Contingency, Equipment and future expenditure to accounts to balance the budget.

  
Edwin Ray Blount, Mayor

(SEAL)

  
Penny F. Chapman, Clerk