

## Minutes February 12, 2024

The Creswell Town Board of Commissioners met on Monday at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Commissioner/Mayor Pro Tem Ronald Ambrose, Commissioner Joel Harris, Commissioner Brenda Logan and Commissioner Thomas Patrick. Mayor Alfredia Williams was not present.

Commissioner Harris provided the invocation.

Mayor Pro Tem Ambrose led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Harris 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.

### Old Business:

- Commissioner Patrick informed the board that he reached out to the town attorney about the speed bump and the attorney informed him that looking through NCGS Chapter 160A, unless it is a road that the authority and control over is vested in the Board of Transportation, a city/town may by ordinance prohibit. Commissioner Patrick also reached back out to Jason Davidson with NCDOT and Mr. Davidson gave him NCGS 136-102.8 to look over. The Board agreed for Commissioner Patrick to send letters in reference to the speed bumps.

-No report from Board on Town Ordinances. The Board agreed to meet every month to discuss all of the old ordinances.

### New Business:

-The clerk presented to the Board the tax collector's report from Washington County Tax Administrator, Sherri Wilkins. The total of unpaid 2023 taxes that are liens on Real Property as of January 31, 2024 is \$8,792.75. Letters will be mailed the second week of March to notify the taxpayers of their delinquencies and that they will be advertised in April.

-The clerk presented to the Board the Powell Bill Report. The current balance exceeds the sum of the allowed number of allocations by an estimated \$6,527.73. This amount has to be spent by June 30, 2024 or the excess amount will be deducted from the next allocation. The clerk informed the Board that the amount has been spent.

-Letisha Kelley, owner of Mood Swings Restaurant, was unable to attend so her husband showed up in her spot. He had concerns about the old school bus parked next to their business. The bus doesn't have tags and he would like for it to be removed because it is an eye sore to his business. He was also concerned about the "No Parking" signs that were put out by his business and if they were legal. The Board listened to his concerns and informed him they would look into them.

-The clerk presented to the Board for approval the 2023-2024 fire service contract with the fire department. Commissioner Logan moved to approve the 2023-2024 fire service contract with the Creswell Fire Department. Commissioner Harris seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Ronald Ambrose, Mayor Pro Tem

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Penny Chapman, Town Clerk