

Minutes January 9, 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 December meeting(s). Commissioner Logan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Unfinished Business:

- Commissioner Harris informed the Board that he had forwarded the information about the benches that the clerk presented at the last meeting to the coffee shop owner, Mrs. Alfredia Williams, to look over. Mrs. Williams will get with other business owners on Main St. and report back to Commissioner Harris what they discuss.
- Ryan Swain, Water and Wastewater Superintendent, mentioned to the Board that the softeners are installed and finished. The iron filters will be done in a couple of weeks.

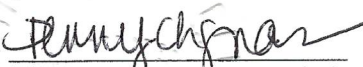
New Business:

- Commissioner Harris moved to accept the new IRS standard mileage rate for 2023 that is 65.5 cents per mile. Commissioner Logan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- The clerk presented to the board the 2023-2024 Annual Support agreement from Southern Software. The support agreement will increase \$12.00. Commissioner Spruill moved to accept the 2023-2024 Annual Support agreement from Southern Software. Commissioner Ambrose seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Commissioner Harris asked if the town could look into getting security cameras at the town office so that the office staff will know who is entering the building at all times. The office staff has had trouble with a customer and had to call the sheriff department several times. The clerk informed the board that the customer has moved and is no longer on the town's water system. The clerk mentioned to the board that she felt the cameras were a good idea but the town needs to invest in a back up system for the office computers. The town currently has no back up in place if they were to have a problem. The board asked the clerk to get a price for a back up system for the town office and also look into security cameras for the town office and possibly the sewer plant. The clerk will report back next meeting with her findings.
- Commissioner Ambrose suggested to Ryan that the tractor and mower get maintenance done before the mowing season so that they will be ready to go.
- Carol Phelps, County Commissioner, updated the Board with things going on in the county.
- Robbie Owens appeared before the board to ask if the town could get a Facebook Live so that the meetings would be live for people to watch. The board suggested that the clerk contact the county office and ask how they do their Facebook Live. The clerk will report back next meeting.

After no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.


Edwin Ray Blount, Mayor

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Penny Chapman, Town Clerk