

Minutes October 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 Joel Harris, Commissioner Brenda Logan and Commissioner Syble Spruill.

Commissioner Ambrose provided the invocation.

Commissioner Spruill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Logan moved to approve the minutes and waive the reading of the Septmeber 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:


-David Clifton appeared before the board with concerns about his water. Mr. Clifton informed the board that after his appearance eighteen (18) months ago before the board, the water problem hasn't cleared up. Mr. Clifton stressed that the water can be good for a couple of days but then turn brown. The water has been super brown since the water plant had problems. The board assured Mr. Clifton that the town was working on it. The board agreed for the clerk to contact Tyrrell County on a cost if the town would have to switch over to the county water for a short period of time while working to fix the problem and also get contact information for Rural Water.

-The board agreed to have a joint meeting with Washington County Board of Commissioners on Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 at 6 p.m. in the meeting room to discuss ways both boards can come together for the betterment of the Town and the County. The meeting will be open to the public. The town would like to discuss grant writing and law enforcement.

-The clerk informed the board of a company, Archive Social, that had a phone conference with the Mayor and herself. Archive Social is an automated social media archiving service. Archive Social helps meet the needs for public records archiving and servicing public records act requests. The costs will not exceed \$3,488 for the service dates 10/10/2023-10/10/2024. The board agreed to not accept the agreement at this time since the town has no social media.

-The clerk informed the board that the Director of Washington County Board of Elections called to inform the town they will be responsible for paying the attorney fees for the Municipal candidate challenge for the Mayor's seat. The cost will be approximately \$3,000 in addition to the election cost.

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


Edwin R. Blount, Mayor

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Penny Chapman, Town Clerk