# TOWN OF MAXTON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL MEETING April 22, 2022 11:00 a.m. Minutes

The Board of Commissioners of Maxton, North Carolina met in formal session in the meeting chambers of the Town of Maxton Town Hall located at 201 McCaskill Avenue Maxton, North Carolina at 7:00 p.m.

In attendance were: Mayor Paul G. Davis, Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson, Commissioner Toni Bethea, Commissioner Elizabeth Gilmore, Commissioner Paul McDowell (absent), and Commissioner Victor Womack.

Staff Present: Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Town Clerk Michael Cousar.

Formal Session: Call Meeting to Order- Mayor Paul G. Davis

**Invocation**: Commissioner Gilmore

Does any member have any known conflict of interest and appearances of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.

# Adopt the Proposed Agenda

Mayor Davis request a motion to adopt the Proposed Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Gilmore. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

a) Discussion of Townsend Middle School Student Reassignment.

Mayor Davis request a motion to have the Town Manager contact the Town Attorney Mr. Timothy Snead and write a letter to the Board of Education regarding the reassignment of the Townsend Middle School students. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Board of Commissioners discussed the Townsend Middle School student reassignment. The Board discussed having the Town Attorney Mr. Timothy Snead inquire if the town could file an immediate injunction to stop the Public Schools of Robeson County from re-assigning the students at Town Middle School. The Board also discussed talking points for the Mayor Paul Davis and Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson to ask the Robeson County Superintendent of

Schools at the Transition Meeting to be held at Townsend Middle School on Tuesday April 26, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. The talking points are as follows:

# **Talking Points:**

- Economically how will the reassignment effect the school and community?
- How many students will be reassigned and how many of those live in Maxton?
- What is the educational Plan of Action for our students?
- How will our students be placed educationally at Rowland Middle School?
- If Purnell Swett is having busing issues, how are we assured of the transportation for our reassigned students?
- What is the plan for the R.B. Dean School?

Mayor Davis request a motion to have himself and Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson to represent the Town of Maxton Board of Commissioners at the Transition Meeting on Tuesday April 26, 2022, at 6:00, and deliver the Board's talking points. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Womack. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

## **ADJOURN**

Mayor Davis request a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Gilmore made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner Bethea. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Mayor, Paul G. Davis

Town Clerk, Michael D. Cousar