

TOWN OF MAXTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING
April 15, 2025 7:00 p.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.

Attendees: Mayor Christopher Bethea- McDougal, Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson, Commissioner Toni Bethea, Commissioner Michael Hines, Commissioner Paul McDowell, and Commissioner Victor Womack

Staff Present: Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Town Clerk Amber Quatkemeyer, Finance Director Jasmin Mason, Town Attorney Timothy Snead (Absent), Police Chief Schirra Johnson, Public Works Director Desoney Diggs, and Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman.

Call to Order- Mayor Christopher Bethea-McDougal

Invocation- Commissioner McDowell

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. None

Approval of Consent Agenda:

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of March 18, 2025
2. Minutes from Board Retreat of March 26, 2025
3. Minutes from Special Meeting of April 3, 2025

Mayor Bethea- McDougal request a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Approval of Proposed Agenda:

Mayor Bethea- McDougal request a motion. Commissioner McDowell Made a motion to amended Old Business to add the Budget Retreat and it was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Presentation:

a) GM Fleet- Nicholas Newcaster

Nicholas Newcaster introduced himself as an emergency vehicle specialist representative for General Motors. They currently offer Silverados, Tahoes, and Electric Blazers. Manager Pitchford asked if they carry any cars. Mr. Newcaster stated that police cars are being discontinued. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson asked about pricing and Mr. Newcaster explained that

the Town can work out pricing with any General Motors dealership. Mr. Newcaster introduced his associates from a dealership in Winston- Salem, Randy Andrews. Mr. Andrews explained that police vehicles are built completely different than regular vehicles and at the end of the lease with their program the Town will own the vehicle for one dollar. Mr. Andrews went on to state that with our current infrastructure he does not think that electric vehicles are a good option for us at this time. Adding that the after speaking with Chief Johnson they made up a quote for nine Tahoes, three Silverados, and two Public Work Trucks. All fourteen vehicles would cost \$ 714,000.00. Mr. Andrews went on to explain several different payment options. The Board had no further questions.

Old Business:

a) FY 2023- 2024 Audit Review Correction- Meredith Singletary

Ms. Singletary explained the Town's financial audit correcting the prior statement that the Town has 6.4 million dollars in unrestricted cash. She explained that it does include the 2.5 million dollar grant set aside for the police department build. The Board had no questions.

New Business:

a) Approval of the Architect Proposal

Mayor Bethea-McDougal requested a motion to approval the Architect proposal from Kevin Cole and Associates. Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the architect's proposal and Commissioner Hines seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

b) Appointment of Finance Director- Jasmin Mason

Mayor Bethea- McDougal requested a motion to approve Jasmin Mason as the Finance Director. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion to approve Mrs. Mason as the Finance Director and Commissioner Womack seconded the motion. The Vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

c) Appointment of the Deputy Finance Director- Angela Pitchford

Mayor Bethea- McDougal requested a motion to approve Angela Pitchford as the Deputy Finance Director. Commissioner Womack made the motion to approve Ms. Pitchford as the Deputy Finance Director and Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion. The Vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

d) Approval of Scotland County Board of Elections Proposal

Mayor Bethea- McDougal requested a motion to approve the Scotland County Board of Elections Proposal. Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the Proposal and Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

e) Approval of the Auditor Contract

Mayor Bethea- McDougal requested a motion to approve the Auditor's contract. Commissioner Womack made the motion to approve the contract and Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

Public Forum: (2 MINUTES ONLY) NOTE: Please state your full legal name. The board & staff will not respond to individual comments or questions during the public forum. If you want our staff members to follow up with you, you can give your address and phone number to the Town Clerk.

Jerome Roberson stated that he has been trying to sell his property on Cemetery Road for three years but the Town will not give anyone a zoning permit for that property.

Sandra McCallum thanked the police department, fire department, Recreation committee, and volunteers for helping with the Easter egg hunt.

Reports:

Recreation

Mary McNeill reported on Recreation stating that there will be a food give-a-way on April 17th and April 24th.

Police Department

Chief Johnson stated there were 245 calls for service, 34 citations, and 3 pursuits. The department assisted outside agencies 15 times. Chief Johnson went on to add that they have been getting additional calls for service because they are the only agency in the county with an active K-9.

Manager

Ms. Pitchford stated that the Town is working with the LGC to ensure that everything is handled properly and that Ms. Singletary was asked to come back to correct her statement from last month concerning the Town's unrestricted funds. Ms. Pitchford went on to add that the Town is looking into finance training to better ensure everything is on track and that we are continuing to look for grants to help with the funding of the pump stations. Ms. Pitchford also thanked everyone that participated in the Community Cleanup event.

Commissioners Report

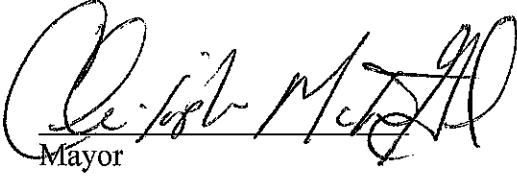
Commissioner McDowell thanked everyone that helped clean during our Community Cleanup event.


Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson stated that during his work in Gambia, Africa they have begun to show interest in becoming a sister city to join the Town of Maxton.

Mayor McDougal thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone that there is an event Saturday at Rob Henderson Park and the event is free for children.

Adjourn

Mayor Bethea-McDougal request a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion and Commissioner McDowell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.


Mayor


Town Clerk