

Town of Boonville
February 19, 2019 Budget Workshop Minutes
Harvey E. Smith Municipal Building

The following were in attendance at the 2/19/19 budget workshop: Mayor Vaughn Benton, Commissioners William Paul Baity, and Tony Reece. Also in attendance were Attorney James Freeman, Town Administrator Sarah Harris, Finance Officer/Town Clerk Kim Wells, Public Works Director Jeff Jones and Interim Police Chief Bryan Rutledge. Commissioner Justin Phillips was absent.

Mayor Benton called the 2/19/19 special meeting to order at 2:09 pm.

The Board welcomed Alex Shelton, American Tank. Mr. Shelton referenced his family's history with the town of Boonville and asked that the town consider using his family for the annual tank maintenance. He stated that he had visually inspected both tanks and that he had concerns for the tank at the intersection. He stated that at this time, he felt like the riser pipe was the only thing that needed to be addressed but at some point in the future, the town needed to be ready to do a full containment of the entire tank. Discussion followed. The Board thanked Mr. Shelton for his time.

Mike Koser, WithersRavenel, presented a proposal from Turner Murphy to fix the floating tank of plant #2. He informed the board that per the town attorney's advice, this proposal only listed items to fix the damage and that add ons to the project would be quoted separately. Discussion followed on a structure analysis of plants 1 and 2. The consensus was to wait to see what advise the attorney gave the town. Other discussions with Mr. Koser included his cost estimate of a used water tank that could replace the water tank at the intersection. The Board did not ask for further research on the topic.

The staff then presented a proposed budget for General Fund Revenues and for the following General Fund Expenses: Governing Body, Administration, Police, Non-departmental, and Zoning.

Commissioner Baity motioned to go into closed session per NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3& 6). Commissioner Reece seconded, and the motion passed unanimously at 4:02 p.m.


Commissioner Baity stated a concern about the current Police Chief committee and how they could not met to discuss the applicants without it being a quorum. He referenced Police Chief committees in the past and asked that the committee only keep the two commissioners serving on it. Discussion followed. Commissioner Baity motioned to amend the motion to remove the mayor in the hiring committee. Commissioner Reece seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Baity motioned to amend the 2-9-19 motion to hire Brittany Brown at Administrative capacity until paperwork is approved from Training and Standards, at a rate of \$14.50, effective 2-9-19. Commissioner Reece seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. It was stated that Ms. Brown's position would not include riding along with on-duty officers unless she was treated like a civilian and any mileage traveled in her personal car would be paid by the town. Finance Officer Wells stated that there was forms in her office that Ms. Brown would have to submit for her mileage.

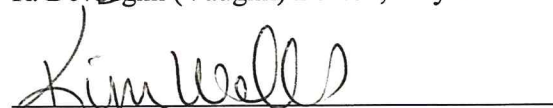
Commissioner Baity stated that he would like to recess until before the March meeting to review the applications for the two vacant commissioner seats. Discussion followed.

Town Administrator Harris addressed the Board with concerns that she had about employee allegations, closed session matters being spread around the community, and how officials were not wanting to follow policies that have been put into place. She emphasized that the Board needed to work together and not against one another.

Commissioner Baity motioned to recess until 3/5/19 at 6:00. Commissioner Reece seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 pm.



R. Devaughn (Vaughn) Benton, Mayor



Kim Wells, Finance Officer/Town Clerk