

TOWN OF BISCOE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
February 11, 2019

The Biscoe Town Board of Commissioners met in a regular session on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm in the Municipal Building. Present were: Mayor Jimmy Blake, Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Smith, Commissioners Gene Anderson, Kay Cagle Kinch and John Beard. (James Cagle, Jr. "Jimmy" Cagle's seat is vacant due to his death on December 30, 2017).

Members of Management Present: Town Manager Brandon Holland, Town Clerk Laura Morton, Public Works Director Sam Stewart and Police Chief Brent Tedder.

Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Blake called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Conflict of Interest Statement

"In keeping with the Conflict of Interest Laws outlined in Chapter 138A of the North Carolina Board of Ethics, any conflicts of interest or appearance of conflict with matters coming before the Board of Commissioners should be declared," "Having received our agenda for this evening's meeting, are there any conflicts of interest to be announced? If so, please, state them at this time."

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Smith, seconded by Commissioner Kinch and so the motion carried unanimously to approve consent agenda items:

- a) Approval of the Agenda
- b) Approval of January 14, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- c) Approval of February 2019 Monthly Financial Report

AYES: 4; NAYS: 0

Proclamation Honoring Black History Month

A motion was made by Commissioner Kinch, seconded by Mayor Pro-tem Smith, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the Proclamation Honoring Black History Month:

Town of Biscoe Black History Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, much of the Town of Biscoe's honor, strength and stature can be attributed to the diversity of cultures and traditions that are celebrated by the residents of this great region; and

WHEREAS, African Americans have played significant roles in the history of North Carolina State's economic, cultural, spiritual and political development while working tirelessly to maintain and promote their culture and history; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their determination, hard work, intelligence and perseverance, African Americans have made valuable and lasting contributions to the Town of Biscoe and our state, achieving exceptional success in all aspects of society including business, education, politics, science, and the arts; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Black History Month was formally adopted to honor and affirm the importance of Black History throughout our American experience, which goes back thousands of years and includes some of the greatest, most advanced and innovative societies in our history that we can all draw inspiration from; and

WHEREAS, Black History Month is a time for all Americans to remember the stories and teachings of those who helped build our nation, took a stance against prejudice to build lives of dignity and opportunity, advanced the cause of civil rights, and strengthened families and communities; and

WHEREAS, during Black History Month all Americans are encouraged to reflect on past successes and challenges of African Americans and look to the future to continue to improve society so that we live up to the ideals of freedom, equality and justice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James E. Blake, Mayor, do hereby proclaim the month of February 2019 as **BLACK HISTORY MONTH** in the Town of Biscoe. I encourage all residents to join me in honoring the many contributions made by African Americans throughout this region and to participate in the many educational events honoring the contributions of Black Americans.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the Town of Biscoe, North Carolina to be affixed the 11th day of February 2019.

AYES: 4; NAYS: 0

FEMA Update and Pay Request

Manager Holland and Clerk Morton gave a FEMA Update and informed the Board about meetings that have been attended and the Town would be reimbursed for expenditures, including payroll, for costs related to Hurricane Florence.

Approval of Audit Contract - Cannon & Company

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Beard, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the Audit Contract with Cannon & Company for Fiscal Year 2019-2020.

AYES: 4; NAYS: 0

Request for Approval of Budget Amendments

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Smith, seconded by Commissioner Anderson, and so the motion carried unanimously to approve the following budget amendments:

Budget Amendment #1*Increase*

10-3434-320 County Appropriation/FD \$11,043.29

10-4340-354 County Maint/Repair Vehicles \$11,043.29

(This was approved at the September 10, 2018 Board Meeting. This is to complete the request. These were funds received from the County as a reimbursement for maintenance of County Fire Trucks assigned to Biscoe.)

Budget Amendment #2*Increase*

10-3991-000 Fund Balance Appropriation \$9,108.00

10-6120-358 Maintenance/Repaid Facility \$9,108.00

(This was approved at the September 10, 2018 Board Meeting. This is to complete the request. This amendment was to approve the repaving of the road beside the pool.)

AYES: 4; NAYS: 0

Recognition of Cameron Stewart

The Board recognized Cameron Stewart for his heroism in helping catch a thief at the maintenance shop in a recent burglary attempt.

Mayor's Minutes - Commissioner Reports - Staff Reports

The Mayor presented the following report:

- Attended the Martin Luther King, Jr March with the Biscoe Police Department
- Rode around Town with Town Manager, Brandon Holland
- Greeted and Welcomed everyone to the Small Business Seminar hosted by the Town of Biscoe and the Main Street and Rural Planning
- Attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Walking Trail hosted by First Health at the Old Biscoe School
- Attended the Funeral for County Commissioner, Anthony Copeland with Commissioners Gene Anderson and Kay Kinch
- Attended an Audit Meeting with Officers of the COG to choose an Auditor
- Attended and Executive Meeting of the COG
- Met with Kelly Larkin, head of RPO

Police Department Grant Received

Police Chief Tedder announced he received notice that the Police Department did receive the grant for the new police cruiser. He reminded the Board it is a 50/50 grant.

Public Comment

Mayor Blake said he met with the County regarding East and West Montgomery campuses. He said there is talk of leveling both campuses because of the Charter Schools. County Commissioner Criscoe said the Town needs a Community Center not another industrial park. Benjy Dunn asked if a grant was possible. Mayor Blake said grants are being researched by Manager Holland regarding possible grants. Benjy Dunn said the soccer fields are overflowing. County Commissioner Criscoe said East Montgomery would be a great recreational facility.

Closed Session- Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (5) - Property

A motion was made by Mayor Pro-tem Smith, seconded by Commissioner Beard, and so the motion carried unanimously to recess the regular meeting and call to order a Closed Session – Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (5) – Property.

A motion was made by Commissioner Anderson, seconded by Commissioner Beard, and so the motion carried unanimously to adjourn the closed session and reconvene the regular meeting.

The Board came out of the Public Hearing with nothing to report.

Adjournment

There being no further business to bring before the Board, Commissioner Beard made the motion to adjourn, and Commissioner Kinch made the second. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor



Town Clerk