

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 8, 2014**

Present: Mayor B.R. Jackson; Commissioners William Barnes, Jr., Mike Coles, Sammy Whitehurst ; Manager Joe Albright, Clerk Angel Hudson

Absent: Commissioners Albritton, Bright

Mayor Jackson called the meeting to order.

Mayor Jackson led the Board of Commissioners in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to accept the March minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion was carried unanimously.

Recognition of Persons to be Heard: None

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Coles made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Whitehurst. The motion was carried unanimously for the following items:

1. Pitt County Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance – Resolution 2014-05
2. Sewer Lift Station Electronic Monitoring – Award Bid
3. Fiscal Year 14/15 Budget Workshop – Set Date

Action Items

1. Pitt county Board of Health Request – Tobacco-Free Parks – Resolution 2014-04
Manager Albright stated that he has brought forward the letter of request from Pitt County and a representative from Pitt County has made presentations to the Board. He is now bringing the item back to the Board for discussion or decision making.
Commissioner Whitehurst feels that there is no need for the Town to get involved if the ruling is going to be passed anyway.
Commissioner Barnes stated that he also has mixed feelings about this issue. He does however see the point.
Commissioner Coles stated that if the Resolution is going to pass regardless he feels that being in favor of it will help the Town itself.
Commissioner Barnes stated that if we did support the Resolution then we would be eligible for signage and urns through the grant.
Commissioner Coles stated that he also has mixed feelings but in his opinion the Town should get on board.

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that sometimes you just have to say no.
Commissioner Barnes asked Manager Albright if there was a response date for the Resolution of Support.
Manager Albright stated that no response date had been given.
After further discussion, Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to table this item until all members of the Board are present. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Coles. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Coles stated that he is unhappy with the letter to the editor in last week's paper that Janet Haseley and others submitted concerning the Museum and Art Classes. He feels that what he read in the paper was totally different than what the Board had discussed. He stated that he remembered talking about having an impact statement and feasibility study done so no one would be displaced.

The rest of the Board agreed with Commissioner Coles.

Manager Albright stated that the ladies that wrote the letter to the editor did not know the facts. He also stated that no one has called him or asked any questions about the meeting. He feels conclusions were jumped to because of lack of information.

Manager Albright's intent is to call all groups together and find an amicable solution.

Commissioner Barnes asked about lowering the speed limit in the curve by the school. Manager Albright stated that normally D.O.T. will not lower the speed limit unless it is associated with an intersection.

Discussion was made about possibly reducing the speed limit to 20 miles per hour.

Manager Albright and Chief Cauley will see what can be done.

Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barnes. The motion was carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town of Grifton