

**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING
January 3, 2012**

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Buddy Albritton, Sammy Whitehurst, Richard Hill, Will Barnes, Mary Grace Bright; Manager Joe Albright

Absent: None

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.

Recognition of Persons to be Heard: None

Discussion Items:

1. *Clean Water Trust Fund Grant Application-Resolution No. 2012-01*
Manager Albright informed the Board that this resolution is required in order to submit an application to the North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund. Mr. Albright reminded the Board that this application is being submitted in order to try and obtain funds to help re-route the drainage ditch on Lewis Drive. Manager Albright recommended this item be put on the consent agenda at the next regular Board meeting. The Board agreed.
2. *Board of Commissioners Annual Retreat-Set Date*
Manager Albright informed the Board that it is time to set a date for the Annual Board Retreat to discuss the past year and plan for the future year. He recommended Friday, February 24th as this year's retreat date. He gave a brief summary of the agenda topics and asked the Board to contact him as early as possible to let him know if there were other issues they would like to discuss. After conferring with the Board he recommended putting this item on the consent agenda at the next regular meeting. The Board agreed.

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Albritton expressed his appreciation to Manager Albright for his good work.

Commissioner Barnes expressed his appreciation to Manager Albright. He also stated that it was nice to hear, at the last meeting, that there was surplus instead of negatives in the budget for the end of last year.

Commissioner Hill stated that he thinks things are running smooth. He also asked about the wires that are hanging down all over Town.

Manager Albright stated that he had written a letter to the cable company and had received a call from the owner. The owner stated that they would definitely retrieve the lines as soon as possible.

Commissioner Bright stated that she is glad and honored to be serving on this Board. She apologized for not being at the last meeting. She informed the Board that Angel Hudson swore her in on December 14th. Commissioner Bright also stated that it has been 4 months and we need to put pressure on whoever is responsible for the wiring issues. She feels there has been ample time for this issue to be resolved.

Manager Albright informed the Board that the final tentative paperwork has been received from FEMA and the Town is expecting to receive approximately \$363,000 in reimbursements. He stated that this would probably make us break even on our costs from Hurricane Irene.

Mayor Jackson asked Manager Albright about the Depot roof.

Manager Albright stated that he has signed a contract with the contractor and he is hoping to get started next week.

Commissioner Whitehurst made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Commissioner Hill. Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted
Angel Hudson
Town of Grifton