

**TOWN OF GRIFTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
WORKSHOP  
July 6, 2010**

Present: Mayor Billy Ray Jackson; Commissioners Ardathy Spikes, Richard Hill, Al Clements, Sammy Whitehurst, Buddy Albritton; Manager Joe Albright

Absent: None

Meeting called 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**

First Item of discussion: Fire Department Consolidation – Committee Report

Manager Albright stated that in February, representatives of the Town and the Grifton Rural Fire Association began discussing consolidating both fire departments. After several successful and productive meetings the committee recommends that the Grifton Rural Fire Association should be the Association to provide the fire protection and should be the legal entity that does so. An agreement has been crafted by Manager Albright and Chief Ed Meeks and has been reviewed by the committee.

Second Item of discussion: Easement Request – Houston Property Timber

Manager Albright stated that Russell & Barbara Houston's easement request is back before the Board after all other options have proved futile.

Commissioner Spikes made a motion to allow an easement to Russell & Barbara Houston for the purpose of timber harvesting under the stipulation that the logging company be held responsible for any damage. Seconded by Commissioner Albritton. Motion carried unanimously.

Third Item of discussion: Queen Street Rail Crossing - Update

Manager Albright stated that because of ongoing concerns and our lack of success in dealing with the railroad company, he has been in contact with Representative McLawhorn concerning the crossing on Queen Street. At her direction, he has written a letter requesting her assistance. Possibly there will be a meeting with her and a D.O.T. representative.

Fourth Item of discussion: Concerns from Mr. & Mrs. R.C. Jones concerning grass

Mayor Jackson stated that some of the Town workers sprayed herbicide in the ditch by Mr. & Mrs. Jones' property and the wind spread the herbicide to their grass and killed it. He feels that if we done the damage then we should fix it but feels we should wait and see how much damage has been done and if the grass will come back before anything further is done.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Hill stated that Waste Industries is losing some type of fluid from the garbage truck.

Manager Albright stated that he would give Waste Industries a call to bring this to their attention.

Commissioner Hill also stated that he would like to see 2 20MPH speed limit signs put up on Smith Street.

Commissioner Whitehurst stated that he would like to see all of us take accountability and responsibility for our actions.

Commissioner Clements asked about the Little League program and what would happen if Farmville pulls out of the AFG League.

It was stated that the league is trying to establish with Winterville or Southern Pitt because if it goes back to just Ayden and Grifton then there would be no competition.

Commissioner Albritton asked about the laws on Golf Carts. He is concerned about the children that are riding them carelessly.

Commissioner Clements asked Manager Albright to obtain a copy of Winterville's Golf Cart Ordinance.

Commissioner Spikes 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 Clerk