



**TOWN OF GRIFTON
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BOARD WORKSHOP**
Tuesday, March 1, 2011
7:00 PM

AGENDA

- A. Meeting Called to Order.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.
- C. Recognition of Persons to Be Heard (**NOTE: Comments are limited to 5 minutes per person. Everyone addressing the Board shall first state their name and their residential physical address**).
- D. PUBLIC HEARING (**NOTE: The public is asked to adhere to the following guidelines for the Public Hearings:**
- Register with the Town Clerk by printing your name, address and phone number on the sign-in sheet.
 - Step to the podium in front of the Board. State your name clearly. Direct comments to the full Board, not an individual member.
 - Be concise; avoid repetition; limit comments to five minutes or less; designate a spokesperson for large groups.
 - Each person may speak once for a specific Public Hearing.
1. W. Littlefield Rd. – Rezoning Request *Page 4*
- E. DISCUSSION ITEMS
1. Museum Board Appointment List
 2. Planning Board Appointment Recommendation
 3. Overtime Pay Request – Utilities Department
- F. Commissioner’s Comments
- G. Adjourn



March 1, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Commissioners

FROM: Joe Albright, Manager

SUBJECT: Manager's Comments for March Workshop

Below I have attempted to summarize and provide explanation for each agenda item.

Item D-1: Public Hearing – Rezoning Request

A public hearing has been scheduled to occur during the March Board of Commissioner's Workshop to receive public comment on a request from Franklin Earl Hart to rezone a piece of property off Highway 11 on W. Littlefield Rd (parcel #80521) from B-1 Commercial to RA-20 Residential. The public hearing has been duly advertised through the local media, property posting, and adjacent property letters.

Item E-1: Museum Board Appointment List

The Board of Commissioners recently created a five (5) member Museum Board to oversee the operation and actions of the Grifton Museum. Five qualified members of the community have volunteered to serve on the Grifton Museum Board. Those individuals are Cindy Graham, Wayne Hardee, Gary Gladson, Kay Walston, and Nancy Liles. I recommend approval of these individuals at the Board's regular meeting in March.

Item E-2: Planning Board Appointment Recommendation

The Grifton Planning Board currently has an opening for a member representing the Lenoir County ETJ of Grifton due to the resignation of Mike Houston. Mr. Darryl Rodgers of 5233 Woodlawn Dr., Grifton has volunteered and been recommended for appointment by the Grifton Planning Board. *Mr. Rodgers graduated from Eau Clare High School in Columbia, SC then attended Midlands Technical Institute. He was employed by Southeastern Freight Lines for 28 years and then became a truck driver until 2007.*

Mr. Rodgers married and relocated to Kinston, NC in 1983. His wife is a graduate of East Carolina University and teaches for the Lenoir County School System and Lenoir Community College. As the father of two grown children and a husband of 27 years, he now feels he has the time to dedicate towards being a positive voice in the community of Grifton. He looks forward to participating in meaningful exchanges that will uplift the Town of Grifton.

Because Mr. Rodger lives in, and will be representing the Lenoir County ETJ, the Grifton Board of Commissioners must make a recommendation to the Lenoir County Board of Commissioners for final appointment. I recommend approval by the Board, and if so agreed I will place this item on the consent agenda for the following Board of Commissioners meeting.

Item E-3: Overtime Pay Request – Utilities Department

As you are aware, we have paid overtime in the Police Department twice in the past year. I have discovered that we have two employees in the Utilities Department with large amounts of built up overtime. Plus, with the recent illness of one of our employees in this Department, the amount of necessary overtime will only increase. I feel it is important to pay down this overtime so that the numbers will not continue to get larger. The amount owed to the two employees totals \$4,338.52. I will make the necessary budget adjustments with the proper departmental funds to cover the compensations. I strongly recommend placing this item on the consent agenda for the next Board meeting.