



# TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE

## Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2016  
7:00 PM  
Princeville Town Hall

**Board Members Present:** Mayor Bobbie Jones, Commissioners Linda Joyner, Pamela Ransome, Milton Bullock, JoeRoam Myrick;

**Staff Present:** Town Manager Byron Ellis, Town Clerk Calvin Adkins

- I. Board of Commissioners Call to Order:** 7 p.m. by Mayor Jones
- II. Invocation:** Rev. Roosevelt Higgs
- III. Pledge of Allegiance**
- IV. Public Comments**
  - a. **Calvin Sherrod 909 King Ave.:** Sherrod suggested that town officials should ask the county to lower the town's water & sewer bills.
  - b. **Ed Bridgers 301 Otis Ave.:** Suggested bringing back the town's police department with a portion of the town's funds that are currently being paid to the Sheriff Department.
- V. Adjustments to Agenda:** NONE
- VI. Consent Agenda:** a. Commissioner Myrick made a motion to accept the consent agenda; Commissioner Ransome seconded; Motion passed (4-0)

**VII. Presentation:** Sharon Edmundson, Director of the Fiscal Management Section of the State and Local Government Finance Division of the N.C. Department of State Treasurer, said she felt it was important to come to the meeting to address the board. She stated that if the town wanted a police department, the board would need to increase the ad valorem taxes 44 cents. She stated that she plans to schedule a meeting with Edgecombe County officials regarding the contract between Princeville and the Sheriff's Department as well as the status of the Princeville water/sewer rates. Edmundson said she was pleased with the progress that the town has made (concerning its finances) but "We still have lots of work to do."

**VIII. New Business**

- A. **Select Mayor Pro Tem:** Ransome made a motion to select Commissioner Joyner to serve as Mayor Pro Tem; Commissioner Bullock seconded; **Motion passed (4-0).**
- B. **Budget Amendment #6:** Commissioner Myrick made a motion to adopt Budget Amendment No. 6. Commissioner Joyner seconded; **Motion passed (4-0)**

**IX. Town Manager's Report:** TM briefly mentioned the need for mass transit system in town and a meeting with Active Routes to School walkability survey of Princeville Elementary School and Neville Street area.

**X. Town Attorney Report: NONE**

**XI. Law Enforcement Report: NONE**

**XII. Princeville Volunteer Fire Department Report: NONE**

**XIII. Senior Center Report:** Senior Citizen Director Linda Worsley said the seniors are doing "well." She invited citizens to stop by and visit the center.

**XIV. Closed Session:** Personnel Matter (NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6)) and attorney consultation (NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (3))

Commissioner Joyner made a motion to go into closed session; Commissioner Myrick seconded; **Motion passed (4-0).**

Commissioner Myrick made a motion to come out of closed session and back into open session; Commissioner Ransome seconded; **Motion passed (4-0)**

Commissioner Myrick made a motion for the town to contract with William Solomon to provide legal services for the Town of Princeville; Commissioner Ransome seconded; **Motion passed (4-0).**

**XV. General Concerns of the Board**

**Myrick** said it is always good to see the citizens come out

**Ransome** thanked everyone for coming out

**Joyner** thanked everyone for coming out.

**Jones** welcomed newly elected commissioners Joyner and Bullock on the board

**XVI. Adjournment:** Commissioner Bullock made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Ransome seconded; **Motion passed (4-0)**

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Bobbie D. Jones  
Mayor

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Calvin Adkins  
Town Clerk