

**MINUTES  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF PRINCEVILLE  
TOWN HALL CONFERENCE ROOM  
June 22, 2015**

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**Board Members Present:** Mayor Bobbie D. Jones; Mayor Pro Tem Ann B. Howell;  
Commissioner Gwendolyn Knight; Commissioner JoeRoam Myrick;  
Commissioner Pamela Ransome

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

Mayor Jones called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Announcements read by Mayor Bobbie Jones.

**Public Comments:**

**Calvin Sherrod: 909 King Ave.:** Asked why the town is not applying for grants to pave roads. He said the Southern Terrace community needs another exit.

**Milton Bullock 407 Mutual Blvd.:** Announced he is running for Ward 1 Commissioner seat.

**Adjustments to Agenda:** None

**Consent Agenda:** Commissioner Howell made a motion to accept the consent agenda; Commissioner Myrick seconded; motion passed (4-0)

**Old Business:** Commissioner Howell made a motion to declare an old organ as surplus and for the town to dispose of it. Ransome seconded; motion passed (4-0)

**Public Hearing: Joint Public Hearing between the Town and the Local**

**Government Commission:** Members of the LGC attending the meeting were, Janet Cowell, Greg Gaskin, Beth Wood, Bobby Greer, Lyon Gray, Mike Arnold and Elaine Marshall. LGC's employees attending the meeting were, Sharon Edmondson, Amy Szalaj and Robin Hammond.

Commissioner Howell made the motion to open the town's public hearing; Commissioner Knight seconded; motion passed (4-0)

**Public Comments:** Calvin Sherrod said he would like to see the police department placed in the budget and funds to pave the streets.

Mayor Jones apologized for allowing Sherrod to speak before allowing LGC to open its Public Hearing.

Cowell made a motion to open the LGC's Public Hearing and take into account the comments that were made prior by Sherrod. Green seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Gaskin asked the LGC members to introduce themselves. Gaskin turned the meeting back over to the mayor.

Town Manager Ellis gave a brief presentation on the 2015-16 budget. The budget includes the town taking over the collection of yard waste and the addition of a curbside recycling program. Solid Waste fees will increase from \$19 to \$20.

**Public Comments:**

**Delia Perkins** said she does not like the idea of the town collecting yard waste.

**Fire Chief James Powell** asked when the PVFD should expect to receive payments from the town.

**Commissioner Knight** said the only concern that she has is getting the police department back.

**Commissioner Howell** said she have been asking for three years for a tractor with attachments to clean ditches; she would also like to see the streets resurfaced.

**Commissioner Ransome** said streets need to be repaved and the ditches need to be cleaned.

Gray made a motion to close the LGC's Public Hearing. Wood seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Howell made a motion to close Princeville's Public Hearing; Myrick seconded; motion passed (4-0).

The Local Government Commission and their staff left the building.

**Presentations:**

Capt. Richard Allen, Edgecombe County Sheriff Department, gave the crime report for May. He said crime has decreased in town during the period May 2014 to May

2015. He attributed the decrease to the sheriff department's handling of law enforcement duties.

Sheriff James Knight stated that the Sheriff's Department will continue to serve the town whether the town continues to use their services or chooses to bring back the police department. Knight stated that Princeville is receiving better services than the town had in the past and added that the deputies' presence in town is much greater than citizens realize because some of them are patrolling in unmarked cars.

Commissioner Howell said she is disappointed with the Sheriff's Department service. She said there are serious problems in Asbury Park Apartments that need addressing.

Commissioner Knight said the town is not receiving better service than what the town police department provided.

Juan Logan of Belmont, NC presented a concept to develop the Freedom Hill landmark into an artistic attraction. He provided pictures of sites that he has already developed and suggested that the town conduct a survey to determine what type of attraction citizens would like to see on the site.

### **New Business**

Proposed amended solid waste collection policy: town will begin collecting yard waste and will contract with Waste Industries for monthly curbside recycling service. The monthly solid waste fee will increase from \$18.64 to \$20. Citizens must request recycle bin.

Commissioner Knight said because the fee is increasing all citizens should receive bins without requesting them.

Commissioner Howell made the motion to accept the changes; Commissioner Ransome seconded. Motion passed (3-1) Commissioner Knight voted against it.

Princeville's Founder Day Festival proposal for April 2016 to celebrate the town's history died due to lack of a second. Commissioner Myrick made a motion to accept the proposal. Myrick said having the event could create other opportunities.

Commissioner Howell said she was opposed to the event.

Commissioner Ransome said she didn't know enough about the event.

Commissioner Myrick made a motion to adopt the Nash-Edgecombe-Wilson Hazard Mitigation Plan; Commissioner Ransome seconded; motion passed (4-0).

**Special Presentation:**

Mayor Jones presented Mrs. Carrie Stanley with a plaque in honor of her 16 years of service as the Princeville Senior Center Director.

**Town Manager Report**

Report available in Minute Book 2014-2015, Manager Reports

**Town Attorney Report:**

No Report

**Law Enforcement Report:**

No Report

**Princeville Volunteer Fire Department Report:**

Report Submitted by Chief

**Senior Center Report:**

Reported and commented on monthly activities.

**General Concerns of the Board:**

**Commissioner Knight:** Thanked the citizens for attending the meeting

**Commissioner Howell:** Said she appreciated the same people who make concerns continue to attend the meetings.

**Commissioner Ransome:** Thanked everybody attending the meetings and voicing their opinions.

**Commissioner Myrick:** Said the board may not always see things on the same point of view, but he believes the town is moving forward.

**Mayor Jones:** No Comment.

**Adjournment:**

Motion presented to adjourn meeting by Commissioner Howell; seconded by Commissioner Knight; (passed 4-0)

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 p.m.**

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Bobbie D. Jones  
Mayor

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Calvin Adkins  
Town Clerk