

**Town of Pilot Mountain  
Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Monday, April 8, 2024  
7:00 PM**

**Members Present:** Mayor Evan Cockerham, Mayor Pro-Tem Donna Kiger, Commissioner Rachel Collins, Commissioner Dwight Atkins and Commissioner Scott Needham

**Staff Present:** Town Manager, Michael Boaz and Town Clerk, Holly Utt

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**Call to order 7:00 PM**

Mayor Cockerham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. After a moment of silence, Commissioner Needham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

Commissioner Kiger made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented and it was unanimous.

**Public Comment**

No one present

**Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Atkins made a motion to adopt the consent agenda as presented and it was unanimous.

- March 11, 2024, minutes
- Resolution Supporting FIGHT Act
- Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation

Sherry Cox from the Children's Center of Northwest NC was present to address the Board. She thanked the Board for their support and invited everyone to the "Ring Out Child Abuse" ceremony that will be held on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the old courthouse in Dobson.

**New Business**

**Resolution Tentatively Awarding Project to JR Lynch & Sons**

Mr. Boaz explained that this project cost \$2.808 million. The town has secured \$2.2 million in funding and the balance will be taken from \$1.455 million direct appropriation from last year. This would replace the water main from Main Street to the Pilot Center tank. They also plan on replacing the water line on N. Depot Street and Howard Street and also hydrants, valves and line stops to help isolate the system. Only one bid was received on the project in both rounds of bidding. Commissioner Needham made a motion to approve Resolution R2024-03 and it was unanimous.

**Administrative Reports**

- The Outdoor Expo is this weekend and volunteers are still needed.
- Nancy Deaton and her team at the Armfield Center are working on a plan for citizens to have access to the center, with exception of the pool area, for 23 hours per day.
- Currently working on securing a Construction Manager At Risk for work on the center that was funded by the PARTF grant. This would allow the town have a General Contractor for all the work

and provides a guaranteed maximum price. If any cost are higher, then that would be the responsibility of the CMAR.

- The budget workshop was scheduled for April 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:00P

Commissioner Kiger asked if there was anything that could be done about feral cats other than the ordinance against feeding them. Mr. Boaz stated that he had, in the past, asked the County about the trap, spay/neuter release program and he didn't get a lot of response. He stated that the ordinance was complaint driven and we could be more aggressive if citizens reported it. Commissioner Needham asked if there was an ordinance regarding tethering of dogs. Mr. Boaz stated that the town had adopted the county ordinance against tethering and if someone is doing that it should be reported to Surry County Animal Control.

Mayor Cockerham commended the school district for the work done at Palmer Field. He has received an inquiry from a citizen regarding safety and the possibility of having a guard rail installed at that location. Mr. Boaz stated that they could write a letter to the DOT, offer to pay half or just have one installed.

Commissioner Atkins asked if there was any way to have a sauna at the ACC. There are plans to do that with the PARTF funding.

#### **Mayor and Commissioner Comments**

**Commissioner Needham** – The Outdoor Expo will be this weekend, and everyone is very excited about the event. He thanked Christy Craig and Jenny Kindy for all their hard work and planning for the event. The biggest need is for volunteers at the concert and on Sunday. He thanked everyone that showed up to the Trail Feasibility Plan. There are several grants available for a trail from Mount Airy to the Pilot Mountain State Park.

**Commissioner Collins** – She is looking forward to the Expo, Mayfest and car shows coming up. She reminded everyone of the auction for the Charles H. Stone Memorial Library. The auction will go live on April 26<sup>th</sup> and will be handled by Rogers Realty & Auction. So far, the community has raised \$24,907 for the library. She thanked all the committee members that have made this a successful event.

**Commissioner Kiger** – She congratulated everyone who has worked with the Main Street Program over the years. She congratulated Britt Patton, a local author, who had a book signing over the weekend. The Mayfest is still in need of sponsors.

**Commissioner Atkins** – He is looking forward to the upcoming events for the town and library.

**Mayor Cockerham** – He stated that there had been requests made to the county commissioners to assist with projects at the library and Armfield Center and he appreciates their consideration of the funding requests. He also noted that the first annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success, there was good turn-out and all the staff and volunteers did a great job. He congratulated Mayor Pro-Tem Kiger on the birth of her granddaughter.

**Other Business** – No other business

#### **Adjourn**

Commissioner Needham made a motion to adjourn, and it was unanimous.

Respectfully Submitted:

Attest:

State of North Carolina  
County of Surry

Town of Pilot Mountain  
Board of Commissioners

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Holly Utt  
Town Clerk

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Evan Cockerham  
Mayor