



TOWN OF SYLVA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Board Room, 83 Allen Street Sylva, North Carolina

MINUTES

PRESENT: Blitz Estridge, Commissioner
Perry Matthews, Commissioner
Samuel McGuire, Commissioner
Johnny Phillips, Mayor
Joseph Waldrum, Commissioner

Paige Dowling, Town Manager
Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Brad Waldrop, Mayor Pro Tem

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Robbie Carter (Assistant Police Chief) and Aimee Sumner (Police Chief).

VISITORS: Sara Rusi

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Waldrum made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner McGuire made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Phillips reported that a citizen expressed concerns about sight distance at the crosswalk at the intersection of Mill and Spring Streets.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner McGuire acknowledged his appreciation for being appointed to the Historic Preservation Committee.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling reported the following:

- Reminder: The June 25th board meeting is cancelled.
- Dowling will attend the NC City & County management association conference June 25-27th.
- Town offices are closed June 19th in observance of Juneteenth.
- Friday, July 3rd is the Town's July 4th holiday. The trash collection schedule will not be impacted by either holiday.

NEW BUSINESS:

MUCICIPAL DRIVE PROPERTY: RATIFICATION OF PURCHASE AGREEMENT: Commissioner Waldrum made a motion to approve the purchase of property on Municipal Drive. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

FY 2026-2027 BUDGET ORDINANCE: Commissioner Waldrum made a motion to approve the budget ordinance as presented. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

FY 2026-2027 FEE SCHEDULE: *Commissioner Waldrum made a motion to approve the FY 2026-2027 fee schedule. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

FY 2026-2027 ABC BOARD BUDGET—REVIEW ONLY: The FY 2026-2027 ABC Board Budget is included in the agenda packet for review.

CLOSED SESSION: *Commissioner McGuire made a motion to enter closed session at 5:37 p.m. pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(5) for contract negotiation. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

Commissioner McGuire made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carried with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 6:10 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Waldrum made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

Johnny Phillips
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk