

**TOWN OF JAMESVILLE  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 6/07/2021  
MINUTES**

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The following is an account of the minutes taken at a Special Board Meeting held between 7:00 p.m. & 8:18 p.m. on 6/07/2021 at the Town Hall Conference Room – 1211 Water Street, Jamesville, North Carolina. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, social distancing measures were made available to all.

**Attendees:**

- Dennis Anton - Mayor
- Willis Williams - Mayor Protem
- Rachel Craddock – Commissioner
- Larris Tolson – Commissioner
- Carolyn Martin – Commissioner
- Mary Allen – Commissioner
  
- Minutes Recorder – Kimberly Cockrell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

**I.** Mayor Dennis Anton called the meeting to order.

**II. Adoption of Agenda**

- Commissioner Willis Williams recommended the additional of an item under New Business – Adoption of Resolution of Governing Board for a Viable Utility Reserve Study Grant to the agenda. Commissioner Rachel Craddock moved to approve the agenda as modified. Commissioner Larris Tolson seconded. Motion unanimously passed. 5 Ayes - 0 Nays.

**III. Public Comment**

Mayor Dennis Anton opened the meeting to public comments. There were none.

**IV. New Business**

**1. Discuss Resolution of Governing Board for a Viable Utility Reserve Study Grant**

Commissioner Willis Williams reviewed the following talking points provided by Martin County Manager James Bennett for countywide water and a Viable Utility Reserve Study Grant.

1. Being a participant in the viability study which would provide an updated account of lines, location, sizes and overall condition.
2. Reduction in labor cost associated with the sale of water
3. Elimination of chemical cost associated with the sale of water
4. Elimination of materials and equipment associated with the production of water
5. Your cost with MCRWASA would be reduced based on the Town of Williamston not being the largest user of water being sold
6. Improvement of the quality and taste of water
7. Helping to bring water throughout the county, where they rely on wells that are failing

8. Helping to improve the quality of life for some areas that experience a higher than normal cancer rate and diabetes
9. Helping improve the recruitment of economic development by having a system that can provide up to 2,000,000 gallons a day
10. Helping improve the efficiency of our water plant

The Town of Jamesville, although not deemed a distressed location, was being encouraged to support applying for a grant for a study for regionalized water.

The Board took discussion. The main concern was how attaching the Town of Jamesville to areas deemed distressed would affect grant funding for the proposed Town of Jamesville Wastewater Treatment Plant and future water infrastructure funding. Hesitancy was expressed to do anything until assured this would not be the case.

Board members acknowledged the aging 47-year-old water plant needed replacing. If current grant funding fell through, a backup plan would be a necessity. Commissioner Willis Williams recommended by rewriting the resolution to protect the Town's interest, supporting the distressed areas as a unit and applying for the Viable Utility Reserve Study Grant, the Town of Jamesville might enhance the possibility of securing funding for its water system. Commissioner Willis Williams would put a revised resolution together for the Board to review.

Commissioner Larris Tolson made the motion to proceed with the resolution contingent on getting the water plant funding. Commissioner Rachel Craddock seconded. Motion unanimously passed. 5 Ayes – 0 Nays.

#### **V. Closed Session – N C G. S. §143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel**

Around 7:29 p.m., Commissioner Larris Tolson made a motion to enter Closed Session in pursuant of NC G.S. §143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel. Commissioner Rachel Craddock seconded. Motion unanimously passed. 5 Ayes – 0 Nays.

Around 8:17 p.m., Commissioner Larris Tolson made the motion to end Closed Session in pursuant of NC G. S. §143-318.11(a) (6) Personnel. Commissioner Rachel Craddock seconded. Motion unanimously passed. 5 Ayes – 0 Nays.

#### **Open Session**

Once in open session, Commissioner Larris Tolson contacted Mr. Robert Cockrell via telephone extended the job offer and ask if he could come to the board meeting.

On behalf of the Board, Commissioner Larris Tolson made the offer to hire Mr. Robert Cockrell, as Water Operator. Mr. Robert Cockrell accepted the position with a start date of June 21, 2021 at the salary stated plus benefits.

#### **VI. Board Comments - None**

## **VII. Adjourn**

Commissioner Mary Allen moved to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Commissioner Rachel Craddock seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kimberly Cockrell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer