

**TOWN OF GARLAND  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2017  
6:30 PM**

The special meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, N.C. on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 6:30 PM.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Haywood Johnson  
Judy C. Smith  
Ralph Smith  
S. J. Smith

The following member of the Board of Commissioners was absent:

Carolyn Melvin

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

Mayor Winifred Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and welcomed everyone in attendance. Town Clerk, Pamela Cashwell, was present serving as clerk recording notes for the meeting minutes.

**QUORUM**

Mayor Murphy and Clerk Pamela Cashwell established there was a quorum present.

**GARLAND VOLUNTEER FIRE AND RESCUE CONTRACT**

Mayor Murphy informed the Board that she, Commissioner Ralph Smith and Clerk Cashwell attended the meeting between the Garland Fire Department officials and the Sampson County officials and we are currently waiting on a revised more detailed budget request from the Garland Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department. Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion to table this item until we receive the revised budget request, seconded by Commissioner Judy C. Smith and carried unanimously.

**BOARD ATTENDANCE/PAY**

Board members discussed board attendance and the chronic absences of Commissioner Carolyn Melvin. Board members noted Commissioner Melvin hasn't attended any meetings since January 2017, doesn't notify the Board that she will be absent from meetings and hasn't performed any of her committee work. Board members stated they don't think it is fair to other Board members and the taxpaying citizens for this to continue and for compensation to be accepted for this behavior. Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion for Mayor Murphy to send Commissioner Melvin a letter on behalf of the Board outlining the stated concerns and inquiring of the Commission if she feels she is being fair and square to her fellow Board members and the tax paying citizens of the Town of Garland, seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion that beginning July 1, 2017 that the monthly compensation for the Mayor and Board members be withheld from any Board member who fails to meet the following criteria: fails to attend the monthly meeting without notification to the Board, fails to follow up with information in the Board packet and the business conducted at a meeting they were absent from, and fails to complete and follow up on activities and needs on their respective committees, seconded by Commissioner Judy C. Smith and carried by a vote of three to one with Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson casting the dissenting vote.

**BUILDING REPAIRS**

Clerk Cashwell informed the Board she is still waiting on additional estimates for roofing repairs for the Garland Senior Center Annex and the Town of Garland.

**BUDGET AMENDMENT**

Clerk Cashwell informed the Board no budget amendment is needed at this time since the estimates for the roofing repairs have not been submitted.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson made a motion to go into closed session at 6:46 pm pursuant to G.S. 143-318.11. (6) -personnel, seconded by Commissioner Ralph Smith and carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem Haywood Johnson made a motion to exit closed session at 7:21 pm, seconded by Commissioner S. J. Smith and carried unanimously.

**OPEN SESSION**

No action taken in closed session.


Mayor Murphy discussed the transfer truck that is parking at a residence located at the corner of Odham Avenue and West Fourth Street driving down roads that are clearly marked no trucks. The Board requested that Deputy Clerk Smith notify the occupants of the dwelling that the truck has to stop parking at that location and driving on roads that are marked no trucks.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Judy C. Smith seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.

  
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Pamela Cashwell, Town Clerk/Finance Officer

**BOARD APPROVED:**

  
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Winifred Hill Murphy, Mayor