

TOWN OF GARLAND  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
TUESDAY, December 5, 2023  
6:30 PM

The Organizational Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, N.C. on Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 6:30 pm.

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Mayor Austin Brown  
Commissioner Ralph Smith Jr.  
Commissioner Jo Strickland  
Commissioner Elect Anthony Norris  
Commissioner Elect Timothy Blackburn  
Commissioner Elect Lee Carberry

Also present: Town Clerk Jennifer Gray

**CALL TO ORDER**

A dinner reception was held and then Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm. Town Clerk, Jennifer Gray, was present and recorded notes for the minutes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION**

Mayor Brown led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and Pastor Jeff Testerman offered the Invocation.

**QUORUM**

Mayor Austin Brown and Clerk Jennifer Gray established there was a quorum present.

**RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COMMISSIONERS**

Mayor Brown recognized outgoing Commissioners Barbara Peterson, Carolyn Melvin and Haywood Johnson.

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION**

Town Clerk Gray presented the certification of election as received from the Sampson County Board of Elections.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Mr. Chris Fann, Sampson County Clerk of Court issued the Oaths of Office to Mayor Austin Brown, Commissioner Anthony Norris, Commissioner Timothy Blackburn and Commissioner Lee Carberry.

**NOMINATION & ELECTION OF MAYOR PRO TEM**

Commissioner Jo Strickland was nominated and accepted the role of Mayor Pro Tem.

**COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Brown made the following appointments:

Finance/Administration: Jo Strickland  
Buildings: Anthony Norris & Jo Strickland  
Parks/Recreation: Timothy Blackburn & Lee Carberry  
Public Works: Ralph Smith Jr. & Lee Carberry  
Safety: Jo Strickland & Anthony Norris  
Streets: Lee Carberry & Ralph Smith Jr.



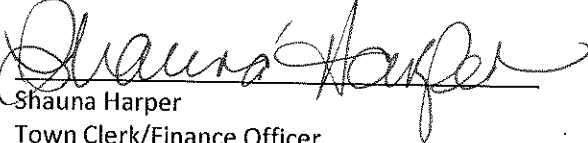
Cemeteries: Timothy Blackburn & Anthony Norris  
Planning Liaison: Ralph Smith Jr. & Jo Strickland  
Volunteer Group Liaison: Jo Strickland & Lee Carberry


**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Duly adopted this the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January 2024 while in regular session.

ATTEST:

  
Shauna Harper  
Town Clerk/Finance Officer

  
Jo Strickland, Mayor Pro Tem

