

TOWN OF BAILEY MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – 12/16/2024

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on December 16, 2024, at 6:30 PM.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Mayor Owen H. Strickland II, and Commissioners Walter Wells, Richard Wilson, Dillon Bissette, and David Evans.

Also present: Town Administrator Joel Killion and Town Attorney Mark Edwards.

Called the meeting to order and welcomed guests:

Mayor Strickland called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

Invocation & Pledge of Allegiance

Acceptance of meeting minutes and financials:

The Board accepted the financials as presented.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to accept November's Commissioner meeting minutes as written, and Commissioner Wells seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Evans: Aye, Wells: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Bissette: Aye.

Agenda:

Nash Co. Board of Commissioners – Vice-Chairman Sue Leggett (Co. Commissioner District 3) - Vice-Chairman Sue Leggett provided an update on what is forthcoming in Southern Nash and how Nash County will work with the Town of Bailey.

Nash Co. Board of Commissioners – Commissioner Freddy Howell (District 3): Commissioner Howell introduced himself and provided some background of what he has been doing to help serve the citizens of Southern Nash and assured the Town that he will do all he can to help Bailey during his term.

Mayor Strickland II took a moment to recognize the various Bailey Princesses who were in attendance.

EnviroLink: Mr. Andrew Stevenson, as representative of EnviroLink, introduced himself to the Board and discussed with Commissioner Wells the various issues with Bailey's sewer and water systems.

Top Notch Lawn Care: Mr. John Thompson (Owner/Operator) was absent due to a prior Christmas-related engagement.

Old Business:

Lead Service Line Inventory – Mayor Strickland presented a copy of the letter he crafted in response to the DEQ’s request for an update on the Lead Service Line Inventory.

2019 Clean Water State Revolving Fund – Mayor Strickland directed the Commissioners attention to a document provided in their packets on this matter and provided an update, along with Commissioner Wells.

ARPA Status: Mayor Strickland asked Commissioners Wells and Evans for an update on where Bailey is with meeting the required obligation deadline by the end of the year. Commissioners Wells and Evans then presented a document from Mr. Rich Moore, of McDavid Associates, that assured the Town that the deadline will be met for both water/sewer improvement projects (VUR-W-ARP-0001 and VUR-W-ARP-0067).

Commissioner’s Reports Regarding Dept. Operations – Mayor Strickland provided an update on the reports that have come in so far and shared that he will announce on January 21, 2025, how he will move forward.

New Business:

23/24 FY Audit Presentation – Mr. Lee Grissom, of S. Preston Douglas & Associates, presented the report from the 23/24 FY audit, the first audit completed before the December 1st deadline after catching the Town up on three years of past-due audits. He also thanked the office personnel at Town Hall for all their work in helping to get these audits done so quickly.

2025 Board of Commissioners’ Regular Meeting Schedule – Mayor Strickland directed the Commissioner’s attention to the schedule included in their packets and asked them to take note of the time change for all meetings from 7pm to 6:30pm.

The Mayor and Board agreed to open the floor for public comments on the time change.

Mrs. Amy Strickland spoke in favor of the time change.

Commissioner Evans asked the Board to consider any possible conflicts with Commissioner Powell’s work schedule, should this time change be approved.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to accept the new time of 6:30pm, unless there’s an objection in the future from Commissioner Ervin Powell or any other Commissioner, as needed

to reconsider, and accept the dates as presented. Commissioner Bisette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Evans: Aye, Bisette: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Wells: Aye.

2025 Holiday Schedule – Mayor Strickland referred to the 2025 Holiday Schedule included in the Commissioners’ packets.

Commissioner Bisette made a motion to accept the 2025 Holiday Schedule as presented, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Bisette: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Evans: Aye, Wells: Aye.

N.C. Main Street & Rural Planning Center – Mayor Strickland presented the Bailey Economic Development Strategic Plan and Resolution provided by Mr. Bruce Naegelen (N.C. Dept. of Commerce) to the Board of Commissioners.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adopt and accept, per the Resolution, the proposal for Bailey Economic Development Strategic Plan from the Rural Economic Division of the N/C Department of Commerce, and Commissioner Bisette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Evans: Aye, Bisette: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Wells: Aye.

24/25 FY Budget Amendment #2 – Administrator Killion presented this amendment to the Board and asked for questions or suggestions before voting.

Commissioner Wells made a motion to accept the 24/25 FY Budget Amendment #2 as presented, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Wells: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Evans: Aye, Bisette: Aye.

Standard Policy Directive B-24 – Mayor Strickland directed the Board’s attention to this directive included in their packets.

Commissioners Wells asked a few questions regarding this directive and suggested changes to it.

Commissioner Evans made a motion to adopt Standard Policy Directive B-24 with modifications as discussed in the meeting tonight, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Evans: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Wells: Aye, Bisette: Aye.

Standard Policy Directive C-24 – Mayor Strickland directed the Board’s attention to this directive included in their packets.

Commissioners Wells suggested changes to it for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Bisette made a motion to adopt Standard Policy Directive C-24 with modifications, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Bisette: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Wells: Aye, Evans: Aye.

RCORP Impact Letter of Commitment – Mayor Strickland directed the Board's attention to the RCORP Impact Letter of Commitment included in their packets and provided background information on this request from Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition.

Commissioner Wells made a motion to approve having the Mayor sign this RCORP Letter of Commitment, and Commissioner Bisette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Wells: Aye, Bisette: Aye, Evans: Aye, Wilson: Aye.

Public Comments:

No public comments.

Public Hearing(s):

None

Closed Session:

No closed session.

Department Head Comments:

Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcer, Shawn Lucas: Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcer Shawn Lucas was absent.

Bailey Police Department: Police Chief Gelo provided an update on law enforcement related items in town.

Town Administrator, Joel Killion: Administrator Killion had no remarks.

Commissioner's Remarks:

Dillon Bissette: Not present.

David Evans: Commissioner Evans reminded everyone that the success of Economic Development is dependent on the success of the Water/Sewer Department.

Ervin Powell: Absent.

Richard Wilson: No remarks.

Mayor Pro Tempore/Infrastructure and Sewer & Water Commissioner's Remarks:

Mayor Pro Tempore/Commissioner Wells shared that his budget is stressed at this time, which will limit the ability of the Town to have an employee dedicated to water/sewer needs, he will continue to move forward with the Board to provide quality services to the citizens.

Mayor's Remarks:

Mayor Strickland reminded the Board of the need to update the lighting in the various areas of Town Hall. He also provided an update on gathering detailed quotes from two IT providers regarding upgrades to the Town's server and general IT/security needs. Then, finally, he shared that during a recent Planning Board training session, the Planning Board requested hard copies of various documents needed to do their jobs.


Commissioner Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Wilson seconded. Motion carried.

Vote: Mayor Strickland: N/A, Commissioner Evans: Aye, Wilson: Aye, Bissette: Aye, Wells: Aye.

Meeting adjourned.



Owen H. Strickland II, Mayor



Joel Killian, Town Administrator