

TOWN OF BAILEY MEETING MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING – 1/27/2025

The Regular Meeting of the Bailey Town Board was held in the Bailey Town Hall on January 27, 2025, at 6:30 PM.

The following members of the Bailey Town Board were present: Mayor Owen H. Strickland II, Mayor Pro Tempore/Commissioner Walter Wells, and Commissioners Richard Wilson, Dillon Bissette, and Ervin Powell.

Also present: Town Administrator Joel Killion

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:

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to approve December's Commissioner meeting minutes as written, and Commissioner Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Agenda:

EnviroLink: Mr. John Greer (CFO of EnviroLink) assured the Mayor and Board that EnviroLink is on site and will remain available to help address the main water break and discussed a few details regarding the Monthly Activity Report for water/sewer for December with Commissioner Wells.

Top Notch Lawn Care: Mr. John Thompson (Owner/Operator) was not present at this time but came in during closed session and provided a brief update after closed session. See details below.

Old Business:

Lead Service Line Inventory – Administrator Killion provided a brief update on the status.

Commissioner's Reports Regarding Dept. Operations – Mayor Strickland shared that because the January 21st Commissioner Meeting was postponed until this evening and because Commissioner Evans was absent due to sickness, he would postpone moving forward on these reports until the February Commissioner Meeting.

New Business:

Standard Policy Directive (A1-25) Roles – Mayor Strickland shared that he will table this for a later date.

Standard Policy Directive (B1-25EM) – Mayor Strickland shared that this Directive will require an Ordinance change.

Request for Temporary Use of Partners Services for Independent Confirmation and Evaluation of DEQ Reporting Numbers for Approx. 90 Days for an Average of 4 to 5 Hours per Week – Mayor Pro Tempore/Commissioner Wells shared that the Town of Bailey is considering hiring Partners Services for approximately 90 days for an average of 4-5 hours per week to validate the flow meter numbers at the wastewater treatment facility for DEQ reporting requirement.

Mayor Strickland then asked Mr. Rich Moore (Engineer with McDavid Associates) to provide his input on why this type of hire is necessary.

Commissioner Bissette made a motion to approve the temporary use of Partners Services for independent confirmation and evaluation of DEQ reporting numbers for approximately 90 days for an average of 4 to 5 hours per week. Commissioner Powell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Public Comments:

Mr. Mark Boykin – Mr. Boykin (Chairman of the Planning Board/Board of Adjustments) provided an update for the last Planning Board meeting.

Public Hearing(s):

None

Closed Session:

Commissioner Wells made a motion to go into closed session to consider and give instructions to the Town Attorney concerning the handling or settling of a claim or administrative procedure. Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

After closed session, Mayor Strickland shared that a zoning matter was discussed and that the Town will be following up with the Town Attorney in the morning.

Then, Mayor Strickland called Mr. Rich Moore (Engineer with McDavid Associates) to the podium, after which Mr. Moore provided an update on the two re-scoped sanitary sewer improvements projects VUR-W-ARP-0001 and VUR-W-ARP-0067.

Commissioner Wilson left early at this point, around 8:00pm.

After this, Mayor Strickland asked Mr. John Thompson (Owner/Operator of Top Notch) to provide his update the Board since he had arrived during closed session. Mr. Thompson then provided a brief update on work recently done in Town.

Department Head Comments:

Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcer, Shawn Lucas: Zoning Administrator/Code Enforcer Shawn Lucas provided an update on recent zoning/planning-related news.

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

Town Administrator, Joel Killion: Administrator Killion presented the Agreement between the Town of Bailey and Overman & Parks CPA for 2025, provided a high-level overview of the Agreement, and asked the Board to please vote on it.

Commissioner Wells made a motion to accept the Agreement between the Town of Bailey and Overman & Parks CPA. Commissioner Bisette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Commissioner's Remarks:

Dillon Bisette: No remarks.

David Evans: Absent.

Ervin Powell: No remarks.

Richard Wilson: Absent due to leaving the meeting around 8:00pm.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore/Commissioner Wells shared that he was in a virtual meeting the previous week with the Upper Coastal Plains Council of Governments (UCPCOG) and learned of a pilot program called *My Town AI* for small towns to assist with complex processes such as municipal codes, charters, comp plans and other planning documents, zoning maps or integration with GIS software.

Commissioner Wells made a motion that the Town of Bailey work through the UCPCOG with Ben Farmer to place Bailey on the list for the *My Town AI* free trial. Commissioner Bissette seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Pro Tempore/Commissioner Wells then provided an update on the water main break on HWY 581 in Bailey, along with the plan to resolve it.

Mayor Strickland provided some additional information regarding the water main break.

Mayor's Remarks:

Mayor Strickland shared information regarding a meeting he was in that morning with Nash County and other mayors in surrounding towns.

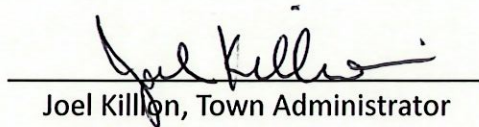
Commissioner Wells made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Powell seconded. Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned.



Owen H. Strickland II, Mayor



Joel Killen, Town Administrator