

TOWN OF COATS  
Board of Commissioners  
January 11, 2018  
**OFFICIAL MINUTES**

**I. ABSTRACT:**

A scheduled meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on January 11, 2018 in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

**II. ROLL CALL:**

Mayor Chris Coats, Mayor Pro-Tem Jerry Beasley, Commissioner JC Allen, Commissioner John Raynor and Commissioner Allen Mosby attended.

Attorney Alton Bain was present.

**III. CALL TO ORDER:**

A quorum being present, Mayor Coats called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Coats delivered the invocation and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Attorney Al Bain asked to add a Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 a(1) (3).

Town Manager Nick Holcomb asked to add Town Manager Oath under IV-B moving IV-Open Commissioner Seat to IV-C. Add Special Recognition to follow Public Forum.

**RESOLVED**, to approve amended Agenda.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY  
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
MOSBY  
NOES (0)**

**IV. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:**

**RESOLVED**, to approve Consent Agenda.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY  
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
MOSBY  
NOES (0)**

## **V. OLD BUSINESS:**

### **A. Boards and Committee appointments**

Mayor Coats presented the Cemetery Committee applications of: **(Reference #1)**

1. Judith Watkins
2. Margaret House
3. Michelle Godwin
4. Sondra Smith
5. Connie Sorrell
6. Leanna White

**RESOLVED**, to appoint all six (6) applications.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR  
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
MOSBY  
NOES (0)**

**RESOLVED**, to appoint Margaret House as Chairman for the Cemetery Committee.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR  
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
MOSBY  
NOES (0)**

Mayor Coats presented the Parks and Recreation applications of: **(Reference #2)**

1. Eric Byrd
2. Daniel Weston
3. Drew Bryant
4. Douglas Mitchell
5. Sondra Bass

**RESOLVED**, to appoint all five (5) applications.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR  
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
MOSBY  
NOES (0)**

**RESOLVED**, to table the appointment of a Commissioner to serve on Recreation Committee until next month with a full Board.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY  
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
MOSBY**

NOES (0)

*Item to appointment a Commissioner to serve on the Recreation Committee tabled.*

Mayor Coats presented the Planning Board applications of: (Reference #3)

1. Debbie Greider
2. Walter Weeks

**RESOLVED**, to appoint Walter Weeks and Debbie Greider to serve on the Planning Board for a three (3) year term.

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APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
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NOES (0)**

Mayor Coats ask two (2) Planning Board members to be appointed to the Board of Adjustment and one (1) Commissioner.

Commissioner John Raynor and Commissioner Allen Mosby stated they would continue to serve on the Board of Adjustment.

**RESOLVED**, for Commissioner Mosby and Commissioner Raynor to continue on the Board of Adjustment.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR  
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
MOSBY  
NOES (0)**

**RESOLVED**, to appoint Walter Weeks and Debbie Greider to serve on the Board of Adjustment.

**MOTION BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR  
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
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NOES (0)**

B. Alton Bain – update on County Board of Elections Hearing

Attorney Alton Bain updated the Board concerning the hearing at the Superior Court on January 16, 2018. Harnett County Board of Elections has certified the results of the elections.

Commissioner John Raynor questioned if anyone that possibly be affected by this hearing need to be at the hearing.

Attorney Al Bain stated that no one is a party to the hearing and there is no need to be present, but it is a public hearing for anyone to attend.

#### **VI. NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Town Clerk Oath

Mayor Coats administered the Oath of Office to Karen Wooten, Town Clerk. (Reference #4)

B. Town Manager Oath

Mayor Coats administered the Oath of Office to Nicholas Holcomb, Town Manager. (Reference #5)

C. Open Commissioner Seat

Mayor Coats asked for nomination for the vacant Commissioner seat.

Mayor Pro-Tem nominated Mr. Robert (Bob) Hedrick for the vacant Commissioner seat and stated that Mr. Hedrick had served as a Commissioner several years ago and the he felt he would be a good fill for the position.

**RESOLVED**, to nominate Mr. Bob Hedrick as Commissioner for the open seat.

**MOTION BY: MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER JOHN RAYNOR  
APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
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Mayor Chris Coats congratulated Mr. Hedrick.

#### **VII. MANAGERS COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Town Manager Nick Holcomb updated the Board with the following dates

1. Welcome back for Deputy Clerk Julie Clifton
2. Mexican restaurant opening tomorrow with Grand Opening on January 18.
3. Super Bowl 5k on February 3 at 2 p.m.
4. Chamber banquet on February 6 at 6:30
5. Public Works Building bid opening on February 6 at 2 pm

Chief Jeremy Hall read the Police Department stats for December 14 – January 11, 2018 (Reference #6)

Public Works Director Rodney Pleasant read December 2017 Public Works report. (Reference #7)

Library Director Teresa Brown read the activity report for the month of December. (Reference #8)

#### **VIII. PUBLIC FORUM:**

Mayor Coats opened Public Forum.

Sonny, a local business owner spoke to the Board requested for on premises beer and wine sales. He stated the importance for restaurant such as the Mexican Restaurant to have beer and wine are important and asked for support from the Board for this matter.

Coats Chamber Director Pat Godwin spoke to the Board complimenting the Board, Police Department, Public Works department and Interim Town Manager for all their support for the Christmas Parade and the Christmas on Main. Mrs. Godwin shared that this event was a great success.

Mayor Coats closed Public Forum.

**IX. SPECIAL RECOGNITION:**

Mayor Coats presented Mayor Weeks with a clock and thanked Mr. Weeks for the years of service to the Town of Coats as Mayor and for the years, he served as Commissioner.

**X. CLOSED SESSION:**

**RESOLVED**, to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 a (1) (3).

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Board moved into Closed Session.

Board back into Open Session at 7:40

**RESOLVED**, to move back into open session.

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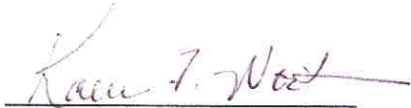
**XI. ADJOURN:**

**RESOLVED**, to adjourn meeting.

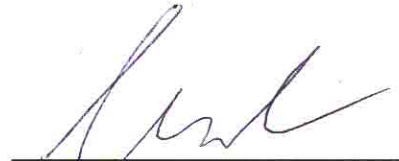
**MOTION BY: JOHN RAYNOR: SECOND BY: COMMISSIONER ALLEN MOSBY**

APPROVED, AYES (4), MAYOR PRO-TEM JERRY BEASLEY, COMMISSIONERS ALLEN, RAYNOR, AND  
MOSBY  
NOES (0)

Meeting adjourned at 7:41.

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Karen F. Wooten, Town Clerk

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Chris Coats", written over a horizontal line.

Chris Coats, Mayor