Minutes of the Meeting of
The Town Board of Commissioners
Town of Hamilton, NC
August 6th, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hamilton met in a regular meeting on Thursday August 6th, 2026, at 07:01 p.m. at the Town Hall, 109 North Front Street Hamilton NC 27840.

PRESENT **Mayor:** Ervin Williams.

Commissioners: Tamika Council, Mike Pickle, Brandon Raynor, Larry Jackson

Town Clerk & Finance Officer: Allison Roebuck

ABSENT: James Ebron

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams; the prayer was given by Commissioner Jackson. The pledge was recited by all.

Approval of the agenda or Adjustments to agenda

Motion to approve agenda without adjustments was made by Commissioner Council, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. The motion unanimously carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from July 2nd, 2026, monthly board meeting made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion Carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Virginia Strevel – 252-508-3749 – Land ordinance

Requested information to know about the land in the area for the town and the approval to start the process. Mayor Williams says to break the land up and deed the property to herself. She will be issued approval by the town to allow them to place and run everything needed for the property. Virginia has been issued an application to apply for the utilities.

Patricia Morring - Dementia

Motion to continue our annual donation for $250 by Commissioner Jackon, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion carried 4-0.

Wendy Bridgers - Wellness Bus Screening

There is no cost to the town or the residents that choose to attend the screening. Pre-registration via the QR code we must have at least 25 people before they will bring the bus to the location. Upon completion, Angela Freeman reached out to get free vegetables to issue out and request bottles of water and snacks from the Town. The date for the Wellness Bus Screening is August 18th, 2026, at 12:30PM. The Town will allow Ms. Freeman to use the Morris Lynch Center for the information and to have access to the bathroom.

Motion to approve $100 on snacks by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Commissioner Jackson tractor tire at the end of circle drive in the empty lot seeing tractor tires placed on property. Mike states that the Cherry guy owns the property and it's his private property, so he is not validated by any ordinances currently. Sidewalks need to be trimmed down by Circle Drive and all the curbing throughout the town. The ditch in front of the school needs to be trimmed and cleaned up. A lot of the ditches have grown back up and need to be trimmed and caught back up.

Commissioner Raynor thanked everyone for the Feed the Town event. We had a great turn out and a lot of people came out and enjoyed the town and their reactions as well as the support. He would like to continue to keep up if the town approves. Raynor thanked Allison for doing everything she did for the event, without her help everything would have been a lot more stressful. Raynor purchased a thank you card from the town for his donation off all hotdogs and asked the board to sign for his support of the event. Mayor Williams stated that he has only heard wonderful comments about the events and how wonderful the cheeseburger where and everyone complemented chef Raynor for his hard work. We had around 60 people or more to attend.

Commissioner Pickle reported the lights that have been blinking is on the Dominion Energy side, and they are working to resolve that issue. Today the power went out due to the clearing of the land, and a tree fell on the pole.

Commissioner Council asked someone to reach out to her to rent out the gym for a family reunion at the gym. They will use the gym for games as well as a cookout. Mayor Williams stated the floors and upkeep that we have in the area are costly. The board will table the request to a later date. She recommended having a remembrance of Mr. Freeman with a fun day set aside to celebrate with the children that include everyone in town. She would like to do this annually in October Requested the board's input about the dates and what the town would like to do September 12th, 2026, starting at 10AM to end at 4PM this current year as well as the years to come. A cookout and include bounce houses at the baseball field were suggested and the town board will help all they can. Council will create a name for the event, already has someone that will cook the pig for the event.

Mayor Williams states he would like the stand to be placed on the side of the building to look like the current signage we already have. Add light to the board and enclosed glass case to post town events at location. Contact Mr. Goodrich to see what he will charge us to process. Asked about the paper change of the rain date for October 3rd, 2026, which is currently October 17 be moved to October 24 at the next committee meeting on August 20th at 2pm at the Morris Lynch Center. Reaching out to more corporate sponsors to collect more funds and donations. This year the committee would like to add some rides to the festival Scheduled for October 3rd, 2026. Mayor Williams asked about the automatic meters and the reports to turn into the Local Government. Allison reminding the board that these documents will consist of meter readings, installment purchase contract application, debt statements, fiscal information for accounts. Williams has spoken with Scott Godefroy is trying to figure out how to get money to get some of the projects throughout the town funding for the study.

Town Clerk/Finance Officer Allison will be attending the upcoming NCAMC Summer conference Master Municipal Clerks Academy in Willington.

OLD BUSINESS

TREE REMOVAL UPDATE

Commissioner Jackson states that he will target to complete the tree removal as requested. Mike will mark the trees that the town wishes to have cut down.

PAINTING AT BALL PARK

Mike Bennett presented his draft of the dugouts - one he will just put HOME on it. Adding Freeman's field on the concession stand draft, Hamilton Recreation Freeman Field Ball Park. The layout has been completed and approved by the board. Mr. Bennett will be able to start work on the artwork next week. Mayor Williams asked for the price he will bring when he comes back with the sketch he completes.

ELECTION TERMS

The board of Commissioners reviewed the attorney's response submitted by Allison, and the board will plan to meet prior to next month's board meeting to discuss the terms for our elected officials.

Commissioner Raynor motioned to meet at 6pm prior to next month's board meeting to discuss the election terms. Second, by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 4-0.

BINGO EQUIPMENT

Commissioner Raynor motioned to purchase 100 more bingo cards, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion carried 4-0.

SIGN AT MORRIS LYNCH CENTER

Commissioner Raynor states that several people and others have brought it to our attention that we can't see the sign without stopping in front of the location. The brick wall is planted into the ground, and it would cost $1,400 to place. Commissioner Raynor will try to come up with suggestions and ideas to see what we can do to form a solution so everyone can read the signage.

COMMENT BOX REVIEW

Motion to allow Clerk to add the proof of residences onto the next billing statement by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS

SCHEDULE PUBLIC HEARING FOR UPDATED ZONING ORDINANCE

The Mid-East will need to come in to discuss what the fees and the adoption ordinance will consist of.

TRACTOR TRAILER ISSUE ON BACK ROADS PARKING

The sheriff's office can address the violations and safety issues that weigh into this. The owner doesn't have anywhere in his area to park his truck. Commissioner Council will reach out to the driver to let him know of the town's concerns. Tabled until Commissioner Raynor returns to the board.

CONSIDERATION & APPROVAL OF $5,000 ANNUAL EMS DONATION

Motion to approve the annual EMS Donation of $5,000 for salaries by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion Carried 4-0.

TOWN YARD SALE

Commissioner Raynor would like the town to come together and have a town yard sale. Morring states that the town could do the yard sale when they have the Dementia walk. The board of commissioners agreed and liked the ideas. The funds collected will go towards the feed the town events. The board will test the idea by next month.

STOP LIGHT

Commissioner Raynor states the current stop light could be converted to a four way or have the main streetlight turn red and the side street yellow. Resident Bill Taylor states that he sent emails and the number of speeds of the log trucks. Eighteen wheelers come flying in and they are not going to stop unless we have a four way or a way to slow them down. The dangerous situations that it puts the residents in while on golf carts or children walking. Commissioner Raynor states

he will continue to find solutions for the stop light and new signage to place in town. The collected effort is to keep our town safe.

TOWN HALL DEDICATION

Commissioner Raynor says that residents have spoken about the town hall having a dedication for Gil Matthews with all the years of service he gave to the town as Mayor. Mayor Williams suggested a plaque above the door with Gill Matthews. Commissioner Raynor requests to table until next month and keep in old business until everyone can try to come up with ideas.

FINANCIALS/BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion to approve the financials submitted by Commissioner Raynor, Seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 3-0

CLOSED SESSION § 143-318.11(a)(6)

Motion to enter closed session *§ 143-318.11(a)(6) by* ***Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 3-0.***

Motion to go out of closed session and return to open session by Commissioner Pickle, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion carried 3-0.

OPEN SESSION

Motion to hire Brandon Sawyer to take Anthony's position in the Maintenance Department by Commissioner Pickle, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion carried 3-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to adjourn if there is no other business to cover at this time.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted By:	Approved By:
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Allison Roebuck, Town Clerk & Finance Officer	Ervin Williams, Mayor