Minutes of the Meeting of
The Town Board of Commissioners
Town of Hamilton, NC
September 3rd, 2026

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hamilton met in a regular meeting on Thursday September 3rd, 2026, at 07:03 PM. at the Town Hall, 109 North Front Street Hamilton NC 27840.

PRESENT **Mayor:** Ervin Williams.

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

Town Clerk & Finance Officer: Allison Roebuck

ABSENT: N/A

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 with adjustments to add truck use was made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Ebron. The motion unanimously carried 5-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from August 6th, 2026, monthly board meeting made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion Carried 5-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Morring

Patricia stated that her aunt was without power as well as trapped into her apartment during all the repairs. She stated the Mutual Aid agreement with Tarboro needs to be addressed because there was a lot of mud and damage to the yards. They used to lay boards down to not mess up the area where they needed to access the transformers. Mike Pickle states that Hamilton Ridge has a passageway that could have been used to avoid the damage that was done to several properties. Mason Bryant was able to restore the power at the location in question.

REPORTS

Commissioner Jackson announced Public Power Day was on October 8th from 3-5pm at town hall.

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Commissioner Raynor has nothing at this time.

Commissioner Pickle reported the town has the mini excavator going and three water leaks throughout the town. Dustin Hardison has replaced Anthony and thanked him for his years of service. The recent power outage required us to change out a transformer and 100 KBA transformer that must be rebuilt and we have ordered new ones. Fire hydrants inspectors are in town testing the hydrants throughout the town.

Commissioner Council reminded that next Saturday September 12th will be a day in remembrance of former Commissioner Freeman. Allison will put the information on our town's website.

Commissioner Ebron has nothing to report at this time.

Mayor Williams

1. **Gary Bamber is our new hire for backup for the water ORC and he is a back up to our current ORC Timothy Mizelle;**
2. **Informational signs follow up with Mr. Goodrich. He has turned in his estimate for the new town signage for all the town updates, town information and to advertise events that will take place within the town. Mayor Williams presented to the board the new quote.**

OLD BUSINESS

JOSHUA HOLLIS MID-EAST

Ordinance updates - The board requested an overview of the contract with Mid-East. The board was presented with a skeleton template with a wide range of selections and updates to be corrected in line with the general statues' recent updates and requirements. Responsibilities have been reviewed by the town. The town has also completed the introductory meeting. The next step will be meeting #2 to present the draft or outline, next step would be meeting #3 provide a consolidated draft. They can submit questionnaires to do some items on the back end and meetings can be scheduled as we continue to move along through all the requirements. The current total of $7,500 will cover all the meeting information merged together and any different questions. The board will meet for public hearing on September 10th at 6PM.

Motion to adopt the information submitted by the Mid-East Commission Planning and Zoning Administration Services Ordinance Update Contract by Commissioner Raynor seconded by Commissioner Ebron. Motion carried 5-0.

HAMILTON SCREEN

Thank you from the lady that brought the bus to the Hamilton Screening. Mrs. Angela will be submitting something into the local newspaper with all the details.

PAINTING AT BALL PARK UPDATE

There was a motion to change the sign by shortening the bats that lead up to the baseball by stopping them where they come towards the baseball by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 5-0.

Motion to accept the invoice submitted by Mike Bennett by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. motion carried. 5-0.

ELECTION TERMS*

Mayor Williams would like to have straight four-year terms instead of staggered terms.

Mayor Williams asked if the board would like to stagger the terms or four-year terms. Council states that she would rather have everyone serve their full four terms instead of the stagger.

Motion to continue with the resolutions as presented Resolution of intent to amend town of Hamilton charter to change commissioner's terms to staggered four years by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion in favor 2-3 not carried.

Motion to go with the new four-year terms by Commissioner Council seconded by Commissioner Ebron. Motion carried 3-2.

SIGN AT MORRIS LYNCH CENTER

Commissioner Raynor states he is working on some ideas on the solution to correct the signage and once he gets more information he will present it to the board.

TRACTOR TRAILER ISSUES ON BACK ROADS PARKING

Commissioner Council states it's been taken care of because she had a conversation with the driver and this is no longer an issue.

TOWN YARD SALE

Commissioner Raynor suggested keeping the idea in our minds and placing it onto the agenda early part of next year and we will try to have one next year, maybe early spring.

STOP LIGHT IN TOWN

Commissioner Raynor was still waiting to hear back from the Department of Transportation. He found a sign on Amazon that could be placed throughout the town to alert traffic not to speed. Maybe the town could purchase one or two signs to possibly help with the speeding. Raynor will get more information pulled and present next month at the board meeting.

TOWN HALL DEDICATION FORMER MAYOR MATTEWS

Mayor Williams states that he would like to have the old town hall dedicated to former Mayor Matthews. Commissioner Council suggested a remembrance plague on the old town hall building.

Motion to look at plagues and lighting to place at the old town hall by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion carried 5-0.

GYM RENTAL FOR FAMILY REUNION

Commissioner Council stated no updates at this time. Tabled until AC is added to the gym area.

Memorial Cookout Honoring Former Commissioner Freeman - everyone invited to come out and celebrate on September 12th, 2026, from 10-4PM.

Schedule Public Hearing for Updated Zoning Ordinance

Place holder awaiting Mid-East.

Comment Box Review

Nothing in the comment box to review.

Pier at the River

Commissioner Raynor requested to know the information that he would need to know and steps to take to get more sections onto the current pier. Wildlife needs to add another section or two on to the current pier dock.

Informational Signage In front of Town Hall

Motion to have the informational signage presented by Mr. Goodrich accepted by Commissioner Raynor, Seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 5-0.

Clerk Roebuck to ask Mr. Goodrich when he can start and let him know that estimate has been approved.

NEW BUSINESS

Truck Use

Commissioner Raynor requested from the board to get the new Maintenance employee Hardison to possibly take the truck home for a few weeks to get him get on his feet for now. Allison states that a contract would be put in place.

Driving records are clear no DWI just a ticket or two.

Add to regular contract to the town vehicle will need to be parked by 6pm unless called back in for a call or he is on call for the weekend.

Motion to adopt resolution of vehicle use and take-home policy by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 5-0.

FINANCIALS/BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion to approve the financials submitted by Commissioner Raynor, Seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion carried 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION

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 Council. Motion carried 5-0.

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