Minutes of the Meeting of
The Town Board of Commissioners
Town of Hamilton, NC
October 1st, 2026

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Ervin Williams called the regular monthly meeting of the Town of Hamilton Board of Commissioners to order at 7:05 PM.

Commissioner Larry Jackson offered the opening prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, which was recited by all present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Brandon Raynor made a motion to approve the agenda with an adjustment to add a discussion regarding truck use. Commissioner Mike Pickle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Brandon Raynor made a motion to approve the minutes from September 3, 2026, regular monthly Board meeting. Commissioner James Ebron seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Patricia Morring – Tractor-Trailer Traffic Concerns

Resident Patricia Morring addressed the Board regarding concerns about tractor-trailer traffic on North South Street. She presented photographs showing damage to the roadway caused by heavy truck traffic.

Ms. Morring stated that the driver had been asked to discontinue traveling along North South Street. She expressed concerns about the deterioration of the roadway and the potential impact on the water lines in the area.

Commissioner Pickle requested clarification as to whether the issue was ongoing.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Larry Jackson

Commissioner Jackson provided an update from an ElectriCities meeting he attended. His report included information regarding an aging program and nonprofit organizations, as well as several electric utility and legislative matters.

Topics discussed included:

- The FRPPA wholesale electric rate increase of approximately 4.5%, beginning in April 2026, with additional increases anticipated in 2027.

- The approved Duke Energy Carolinas (DEC) and Duke Energy Progress (DEP) merger and related stand-alone rates.
- The 2025 FRPPA true-up, including an estimated $15 million charge in January 2026 and approximately $18 million accrued at year-end 2025.
- A presidential executive order concerning the security of the United States bulk-power system.
- Federal stopgap spending legislation.
- A Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Notice of Proposed Rulemaking that could affect public power operations in the Carolinas.

Commissioner Brandon Raynor

Commissioner Raynor presented the Community Advisory Board (CAB) report for the Town of Hamilton.

He also discussed the need for law enforcement assistance during the upcoming Roanoke River Festival to help ensure public safety.

Commissioner Mike Pickle

Commissioner Pickle reported that two new lift station pumps had been ordered at a total cost of $22,628. Both pumps had arrived, and the existing pumps would be sent out for repairs.

He also reported that four water leaks had occurred throughout the Town during the previous month.

Additionally, Commissioner Pickle discussed efforts to contact the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission regarding the possibility of extending the dock at the river. Due to low water levels, he suggested adding approximately 16 feet to the existing dock to improve accessibility.

Commissioner Tamika Council

No report was presented.

Commissioner James Ebron

Commissioner Ebron reported that a work order had been submitted for repairs at the Morris Lynch Center following a recent water leak. He also noted that additional fill dirt was needed behind the dugout and near the newly installed signage at the Morris Lynch Center.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mid-East Commission Update

Mayor Williams reported that he attended a Mid-East Commission meeting approximately two weeks earlier.

During the meeting, he spoke with Pat Harris and was informed that the former employee assigned to the Town was no longer with the Commission. Carmen Braddy had been assigned to assist the Town of Hamilton.

Town Infrastructure Projects

Mayor Williams reported that he met with representatives from Rivers and Associates earlier that day to discuss ongoing Town projects and existing easements.

He stated that the Town currently had three infrastructure projects that were 100% grant-funded, with no cost to the Town.

One of the projects involved converting the two Town wells from their existing chlorine treatment systems to liquid chlorine treatment.

Roanoke River Festival

Mayor Williams provided an update regarding the upcoming Roanoke River Festival scheduled for Saturday, October 3, 2026.

The festival would feature food vendors, lemonade, skincare products, musical entertainment, a DJ, and various activities.

Scheduled activities included:

- A 50/50 raffle and a raffle for a 50-inch television.
- Face painting.
- Bingo from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
- A comedy show scheduled for approximately 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Popcorn and beverages would be available during the comedy show inside the Morris Lynch Center.

OLD BUSINESS

Election Terms – Resolution of Intent to Amend the Town Charter

The Board discussed a proposed Resolution of Intent to Amend the Town of Hamilton Charter to change the terms of office for Town Commissioners from two years to staggered four-year terms.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to proceed with the resolution as presented. Commissioner Ebron seconded the motion. Motion carried, 3-1.

During the discussion, resident Patricia Morring expressed concerns regarding attendance requirements for commissioners serving four-year terms. She suggested that commissioners should be held accountable for excessive absences or tardiness.

Mayor Williams explained that meeting attendance requirements were not included in the proposed amendment.

Commissioner Raynor noted that some municipalities reduce commissioners' compensation when they fail to attend meetings.

Morris Lynch Center Signage

Commissioner Raynor expressed concerns regarding the positioning of the newly installed sign at the Morris Lynch Center. He presented photographs and videos illustrating the visibility of the sign from different directions.

Commissioner Raynor stated that although he appreciated the appearance of the sign, he believed it should be repositioned to improve visibility for motorists entering Town.

A resident, identified as Randolph, also expressed concerns that the sign was positioned too low and suggested raising it.

Commissioner Raynor made a motion for the Town to pay for the necessary construction to reposition the sign horizontally to the roadway to improve visibility. Commissioner Pickle seconded the motion.

The Board vote resulted in a 2-2 tie. Pursuant to the Mayor's authority to vote in the event of a tie, Mayor Williams cast the deciding vote against the motion. The motion failed.

Town Hall Dedication – Former Mayor Matthews

Commissioner Raynor presented several plaque options for recognizing the Town's late former Mayor Matthews at the former Town Hall.

Resident Patricia Morring suggested placing the former Mayor's name beneath the existing wording at the location.

The Board discussed the possibility that the existing plaques had been manufactured by Miller's in Williamston.

Commissioner Raynor agreed to obtain a copy of the proclamation from Town Clerk Allison Roebuck and present it to Miller's to explore options for creating a commemorative plaque honoring the former Mayor.

Speed Limit Signage

Commissioner Raynor presented information regarding additional speed limit signage for the Town.

Commissioner Raynor made a motion to purchase two speed limit signs, one for each end of Town. Commissioner Pickle seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

Roanoke River Festival

Mayor Williams previously provided an update regarding the upcoming festival during his report.

Public Power Week

Commissioner Jackson announced that Public Power Day would be held on Thursday, October 8, 2026, from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM at Hamilton Town Hall.

Comment Box Review

No additional discussion or action was recorded.

NEW BUSINESS

Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services

The Board reviewed the Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services.

Commissioner Jackson made a motion to approve the agreement. Commissioner Ebron seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

Rosenwald School Renovation Update

Mayor Williams provided an update regarding ongoing renovations to the Rosenwald School.

He reported that Bundy had been selected to complete the necessary repairs and renovations, with an anticipated completion date of April 2027.

The proposed improvements include a meeting room, a walking trail through the wooded area, a designated kayak access area, interior and exterior restroom facilities, and designated camping areas.

Mayor Williams discussed the anticipated project completion schedule.

Financial Reports and Budget Amendments

Mayor Williams requested a motion to approve the financial reports as presented by Town Clerk and Finance Officer Allison Roebuck.

Commissioner Pickle made a motion to approve the financial reports as presented. Commissioner Ebron seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

Surplus Equipment – GovDeals

The Board discussed Town-owned equipment that was no longer needed for municipal operations.

Commissioner Pickle made a motion to declare the Town's weed eaters, bush hog, and spare blower fans as surplus property and authorize their sale through GovDeals. Commissioner Raynor seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

CLOSED SESSION

Commissioner Pickle made a motion to enter closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 143-318.11(a)(6) for the purpose of discussing confidential personnel matters involving a Town employee. Commissioner Ebron seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

Following the closed session, Commissioner Pickle made a motion to return to open session. Commissioner Raynor seconded the motion. Motion carried, 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, Mayor Williams entertained a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Raynor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Council seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, 4-0.

The meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By: **Approved By:**

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Allison Roebuck, Town Clerk & Finance Officer **Ervin Williams, Mayor**