

Town of Commissioner's Meeting
August 7th, 2025

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hamilton met in a regular meeting on Thursday August 7th, 2025, at 07:04 p.m. at the Town Hall, 109 North Front Street Hamilton NC 27840.

PRESENT

Mayor: Ervin Williams.

Commissioners: William Freeman, Tamika Council, Brandon Raynor,
Larry Jackson

Town Clerk & Finance Officer: Allison Roebuck

ABSENT: Edgar Taylor

CALL TO ORDER

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

Approval of the agenda or Adjustments to agenda

Commissioner Raynor requested to add Town Events and Library to the new business.

Motion to approve agenda with adjustments added to new business Town Events and library was made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Jackson. The motion unanimously carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes with corrections from Carol to Carl and fire hydrant instead of hydrate from July monthly board meeting made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion Carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandon Raynor was requested to read on behalf of Patricia Morring. Ms. Morring requested to know with reference to the mayors taking care of the dilapidated property at 204 West Liberty Street, Hamilton. Mayor Williams stated he spoke with the people in charge of the properties as well as he has emailed, and photos have been sent to the contractors looking at signing a quote.

Resident, Mrs. Linda Goodrich addressed the board with a report she received from the Martin County Tax Assessor's office showing over \$40,000 being owed in personal property taxes for Martin County. Mrs. Goodrich reminded the town that residents paying their taxes helps our town with schools, fire department, EMS and public works. She shared there was a list of Martin County residents who owed taxes listed in the April edition of The Enterprise. Among that list was our town of Hamilton Mayor, Ervin Williams. Mr. Williams currently owes taxes for year 2023 and 2024. Mrs. Goodrich also pointed out that in the past years, it has taken Mr. Williams 8 years to pay one year of taxes. Mrs. Goodrich suggested the outstanding taxes should be

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garnished from the check Mr. Williams receives to be our town mayor if he is not willing to pay the taxes on his own.

Resident, Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor expressed concerns of Town Commissioner, Tamika Council owing back taxes (2019) and according to the Martin County tax Assessor, no payment arrangement has been made to pay the outstanding bill. Mrs. Taylor does not feel residents should be eligible to hold a public office if they are delinquent on their taxes and no payment plan has been arranged. Mrs. Taylor stated that given the Hamilton town board's apparent lack of concern regarding our Mayor and Town Commissioners' tax obligations, the residents question their ability to manage town finances effectively.

Town Commissioner Larry Jackson addressed the town residents of when the Martin County taxes are due. Resident Mrs. Goodrich stated the taxes being addressed to the board are back taxes (2019-2024). She shared Mr. Williams paid year 2019 & 2020 taxes in 2022, year 2022 taxes were not paid until 2025, year 2023 taxes were not paid until 2025 and he still owes for year 2024.

Town Commissioner Brandon Raynor shared he understood if residents get behind on paying their taxes and agreed that payment arrangements should be made and he also agreed the unpaid taxes should block an individual from seeking office but wanted to research the issue of enforcing residents to pay their taxes/garnishment/seizure of assets and report back at the next meeting.

Mayor Williams asked the board of Commissioner if they wished to comment on the issues brought before the board. There were no comments.

Resident, Mrs. Mary Ann Taylor addressed the board regarding the banners that were purchased for the town by Commissioner Tamika Council. Mrs. Taylor expressed the banners have an image that is not of the Roanoke River, which is a notable landmark for Hamilton. She also stated the dark coloration and the location on the poles makes the banners nearly impossible to notice when driving through town. She shared a photo of the banners hanging in the town of Hobgood. Their banners are white with the American flag and are very visible.

Jerry Griffin reported that fire hydrants are not getting flushed requesting a work order for the hydrant to be flushed by his home as well as the one in front of the church. Repair had to be done on the ice machine due to the water issues they still have at the church. At his last meeting in July 2025, Mike stated that he is flushing the hydrants every other month. Mr. Griffin is requesting a work order to have the fire hydrant flushed in front of his house. Mayor Williams stated we need a schedule in place to know when they are flushing the hydrants and where. Linda Goodrich wonders when we flush the hydrants if the water could be stored at the Hamilton Fire Department. She will reach out to Brent or someone with the Hamilton Fire Department.

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Jerry states the local newspaper recently ran an ad about the Town of Hamilton getting two hundred thousand dollars for Rosenwald school. She asked what project will take place with this funding? Mayor Williams stated the money is supposed to come to the \$15,000 which they have applied and been approved, and he will speak with Charlotte Griffin to see what the plans are for the building.

OLD BUSINESS

DILAPIDATED PROPERTY

The second guy, bidding on the clean-up was more reasonable and hauled everything away. Nick Sawyer responded back to Mayor Williams, and we need the two other quotes submitted from last month's board meeting to present to the board to vote on. Quotes presented to the board with all three bids. Danny Peek asked Clerk Roebuck if copies of the quotes were submitted to the board. Clerk Roebuck states no copies were issued and they were left with Commissioner Taylor. She left the board meeting to go to Commissioner Taylor's house to gather the quotes to be resubmitted and voted on.

Motion to reach out to Rogers & Gurganus Equipment Co. to start the demolishing of the house and clean up overgrown property as well as haul off all debris by Commissioner Council, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion carried 4-0.

Brandon requested more information about the overgrown area. The property at 108 East Main Street has no electricity, no water, no sewer. It was under the impression that the house was condemned and reached out to get them some help because no one needs to live like this in our town.

NEW BUSINESS

TOWN EVENTS

Commissioner Raynor asked the board their thoughts on a Bingo night and maybe even a spaghetti night for the Town of Hamilton residents.

LIBRARY

Commissioner Raynor states that he and his wife recently visited our Town's library and it's in a mess book with everywhere and unorganized. Commissioner Raynor requested that his wife Kelly Raynor be allowed to go to the library and clean everything and organize the books. Brandon's wife would volunteer to clean it but requested a key to access the library in case she needed to go after business hours.

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Motion that Kelly Raynor is to be issued a key to the library to clean it and organize the books only, but she will not be responsible for opening or closing the library by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion carried 4-0.

CAMERAS

Commissioner Raynor states that we have received 10 cameras in total and not all solar panels have arrived yet. As of right now Mike Pickle's email has been registered for the town's email for contact. We are currently in a trial period but eventually we will have a year to pay for the quality of the great and good level of security. We will have additional ones to have here at the town hall office.

FINANCIALS/BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Financials presented to the board for the month of June 2025 by the Finance Officer Roebuck.

Motion to approve the financials as presented by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Commissioner Jackson states he has been looking at an awning in the amount of \$129 to avoid the rainwater coming into the back of the EMS building.

Motion to purchase and put an awning on the back of the EMS building by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion 4-0.

Commissioner Jackson requested to have the ditch cleaned before school opens. A work order has been placed for work to be completed.

Commissioner Raynor presented a report for the month prior. Be careful walking and make sure you are on the correct side of the road.

Commissioner Council issued a reminder for back to school which is now a return to school event to be held at the Morris Lynch Center. Requesting some coolers due to the current condition of the building she will have to have coolers to keep the water and drinks for the event. The event will be held from 10am to 3pm.

Commissioner Freeman read the Maintenance Supervisor report to state sewer cleaning and the survey has been completed. Need to approve valve replacement on bottom of tank estimate presented to the board by the Finance Officer Roebuck. Morris Lynch Center is being sprayed by Dodson Pest Control. Appliances will be replaced after bug infestation is under control. Estimates to repair cabinet at EMS kitchen have been turned in. It is cheaper to repair cabinet than replace it and they are unable to match the existing cabinets. Hydrants are getting flushed weekly. One employee is out under doctor's care so we are one man short of help until he returns.

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Commissioner Freeman states that he will contact Scotty with the quote to replace the valve on the tank.

Tentative contact to discuss contract amount and if rates are the same, we need a motion.

Motion for Commissioner Freeman to check with Scotty to confirm the price of removing and replacing the valve at the price of \$12,500 by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Raynor. Motion carried 4-0.

Piedmont doesn't normally connect Generac to the national gas. Information given provided by Mayor Williams who reached out prior to The Gas Man company to have services connected to the Generac. He is to reach out to try to get the services and gas working on the generic.

Motion to have Mayor Williams reach out to a different vendor to hook up Generac Generator to town hall made by Commissioner Raynor, Seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Williams reported in regards to NexGrid electric meters that he talked with Flynn and he wanted to make sure we did not need towers and at this time we are not interested in putting up towers. Mayor Williams states he would call and contact him tomorrow to let him know we will not need the towers.

The Town of Hamilton has a Proclamation to present to Cindy Matthews and Family at the next meeting on a plaque to be issued to the family of Gil Matthews. Mayor Williams stated that the Town of Hamilton was represented well with town residents as well as the town commissioners and staff. On behalf of the Town of Hamilton the family was presented with a standing wreath with the dove and miniature American flags ordered by the Clerk.

Town Clerk/Finance Officer has nothing to report at this time.

CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into closed session by Commissioner Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to return out of closed session back to open session by Commissioner Raynor, Seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion to get quotes from lawn care company for lawn care cutting needs for remaining part of the season made by Commissioner Raynor, seconded Commissioner Jackson. Motion carried 3-0.

Back in 1982 was how we were getting power sold from the company called Sharon-Harris. Nuclear account 32 had to take a portion of electricity. We brought into a portion which is now paid off and Sharon Harris is requesting of the Town of Hamilton which route would you like to take. We are awaiting the options to be presented.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Allison Roebuck, Town Clerk & Finance Officer

Ervin Williams, Mayor