

**Town of Pinetops
Board of Commissioner
Special Called Meeting
Minutes
January 12, 2021
Pinetops Town Hall**

Present: Present for the meeting were Mayor Brenda Harrell, Commissioners Donald Webb, Barbara Taylor, Dennis Sugg, and Oscar Mabry.

Also in Attendance: Finance Officer Tammy Keesler, Van Holland from Tar River News and Chief Harrell was present via ZOOM.

A. Call to Order

Mayor Harrell called the Special Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. The meeting was called to discuss filling the Board Vacancy due to the resignation of Ms. Pender. Commissioner Mabry also requested that the Economic Development Assessment Survey be added to the agenda.

B. Invocation

Invocation was given by Commissioner Taylor.

C. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Harrell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. Board Vacancy due to the resignation of Ms. Pender

Mayor Harrell explained that we received an email from the Town Attorney, Brian Pridgen who stated that he didn't see anything in the charter or Town Code of Ordinances setting forth a procedure for filling the vacant seat. There are basically 3 ways to fill the vacant seat which is as following: (1) next highest vote, (2) take applications, and (3) town could nominate someone. Commissioner Taylor suggested we go with the next highest vote which would be Wanda Harrison. Commissioner Mabry made a motion to appoint Wanda Harrison to fill the vacant seat left by Florence Pender. Commissioner Sugg seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Harrison will take the Oath of Office at the February Board Meeting.

2. Economic Development Assessment Survey

Commissioner Mabry presented the Board with an Economic Development Survey for them the review before the final copy is given to Bruce Naegelen from the NC Department of Commerce. The Board reviewed the survey as requested and thought it

was well prepared and needed no changes. Commissioner Mabry suggested getting the public works department and police department to hand them out by going door to door. The citizens would also receive a flyer explaining the need to solicit anyone interested in joining the Economic Development Assessment Advisory Committee. We could also advertise through the All-Call System and on the town's website. After some discussion back and forth it was decided to mail out the survey and solicitation instead of going door to door. Commissioner Webb made a motion to mail the solicitation letter to citizens as well as announce it through the All-Call System and website. Commissioner Taylor seconded the motion. Motion passed.

D. Adjournment

Commissioner Sugg made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Webb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Date: 2/2/2021

ATTESTED:



Mayor Brenda Harrell



Finance Officer/Town Clerk Tammy Keesler