

MINUTES

**THESE ARE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE
TOWN OF CONETOE, NORTH CAROLINA
JUNE 13TH, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Conetoe met in a Regular Meeting on Tuesday, June 13th, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Room at 204 West Church Street, Conetoe, NC.

PRESENT

Commissioners: Jenny Staton-Hinnant and Delane Bryant

ABSENT

Commissioners: Clay Webb and Regina Gray

ALSO PRESENT

Town Clerk: Kelly Hunter

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND INVOCATION GIVEN

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryant called the meeting to order, and Commissioner Bryant offered the invocation.

2. WELCOME TO CITIZENS

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryant acknowledged citizens. She explained that Commissioner Webb was on vacation, and she was unsure as to why Commissioner Gray was absent. She explained that with both Commissioners Gray and Webb absent the Board will not have a quorum and will not be allowed to vote on any items.

3. PROPOSED AGENDA BY COUNCIL

Mayor Pro-Tem Bryant read through the agenda. The agenda was not approved or amended due to a quorum not being met.

4. READING OF THE MINUTES

The minutes were presented by Town Clerk, Kelly Hunter. The minutes were not able to be approved or amended due to the lack of a quorum.

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. The Upper Coastal Plain Council of Government Executive Board met May 15th. The Chief Executive Officers Report was given and there was a discussion on their upcoming budget. Their next meeting is on June 20th.
- b. The State DOT's office contacted us about Highway 42. It has some drainage issues and they have plans to resurface that entire highway within a year and a half. As soon as they give us dates, we will let citizens know. This will require some rerouting and detouring of traffic when they come through Conetoe.

- c. Yard Waste: Please continue to put loose debris such as: leaves, pine straw, and pinecones in bags if possible. If you're unable to bag these items, please call the Town Hall and leave a message so that we can inform Mr. Parker when he picks up beginning at 7:30 AM every other Wednesday.
- d. The Old Fire Department: We are moving forward with the purchase of the old Conetoe Volunteer Fire Department. We are using the attorney office of Deloatch & Hinton, PLLC for this purchase. Our closing date will be July 6, 2023.
 - i. The Old Business was not able to be approved or amended due to the lack of a quorum.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. There this a new group that has formed within the Edgecombe County Administrative office and it's called, "Get Off the List." County Manager, Eric Evans, has asked Town Administrator Delane Bryant if she would consider being apart of this group and representing the Town of Conetoe.
- b. The Walk Audit Check List was completed with the County. We had 18 participants including children.
- c. Super Summer Saturday's has begun. We had about 28 people come out for the initial kickoff. We are using money from our \$2,000.00 grant to supply games and materials for these events.
- d. The Tarboro Edgecombe Chamber of Commerce: Commissioner Bryant spoke with Tom Cox with the Chamber to discuss the Town of Conetoe joining in the near future.
- e. The Aging Conference: The Upper Coastal Plains Council of Government is having their regional conference on aging at Edgecombe Community College. The Town of Conetoe will be offering a satellite option for participants at the new Conetoe Volunteer Fire Department.
 - i. The New Business was not able to be approved or amended due to the lack of a quorum.

7. CLERK REPORT

- a. A list of both completed and upcoming reports required for the Town was presented along with bank totals for all accounts. The recommendations in fiscal matters regarding Conetoe's financial performance indicators of concerns were discussed.
- b. The board will be holding a budget meeting on June 20th.
 - i. No motion was made to approve or amend the Clerk Report due to a quorum not being met.

8. CITIZEN RECOGNITION

- a. Ms. Caletha Barnes was selected as our Citizen of the Month.
Her son William wrote, "Caletha Howard Barnes is a mother to five boys and two daughters she loves God, her family, and this community."

Most people within the community know her by Cal short for Caletha. She has always been a positive influence and can be called on spiritually when family and friends need prayer during a hardship or time of need.

She has been a faithful member of many churches including Conetoe Baptist Church. She continues to serve God and has been called upon to preach the gospel at multiple events within the region.

Caletha is 82 years young and has goals of being the pastor of her own church one day as she shows no signs of slowing down. My mother is a wonderful human being and I'm so grateful to have her as my mother.

- b. The Town of Conetoe is very thankful for the warmth and unity that Ms. Barnes promotes everywhere she goes.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS


- a. Mr. Paul Wilkins, Ms. Vivian Haynes, and Mrs. Lakeisha Archer each spoke in regards to the Wilkins Family Rezoning Petition. Their request to have their property rezoned was denied at the Regular Board Meeting on May 10th, 2023.

- i. No motion was made to close the Public Comments portion of the meeting due to no quorum.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Our next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 11th at 6:30 PM here in the board room. We will be holding a budget meeting on Tuesday June 20th at 9:15 in the Town Hall board room.


Mayor Pro-Tem Delane Bryant


Kelly Hunter, Town Clerk