

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
Monday, February 9, 2026, Meeting

A special meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9, 2026, at the Town Hall. The regular meeting that would have taken place on February 2nd had been cancelled due to inclement weather. Mayor Hendrix called the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present: [X] Curt Hendrix, Mayor

Commissioners

Present: [X] Coley Jordan
[X] Steve McCormack
[X] Jimea Reed (newly appointed)
[X] Galene Williams

Attendance: [X] Matthew Robinson Public Works Director
[X] Judi Lannon – Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[X] Rhonda Stallings – Admin. Assistant & Utility Billing
[X] Various members of the public were in attendance.

Commissioner Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Hendrix led in prayer.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner Jordan. The motion passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Public Comment

After welcoming all in attendance, the Mayor opened the floor for public comment.

Rick Baker with the Aurora Community Watch stated that they welcomed and supported the Beaufort County Health Departments efforts that would be presented to the Board this evening. Also under Public Comment, Debbie Guthrie announced that “Veterans Challenge Inc.” had moved their meeting to Sunday, March the 1st, 3:00 PM at the Venue due to the recent snow storm. She provided the Board with an invite and agenda.

Consideration of Minutes

The proposed minutes of January 5, 2026, regular meeting were approved on a motion made by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner McCormack and passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Oath of Office

Mayor Hendrix administrated the Oath of Office to newly appointed Commissioner Jamea R. Reed. Commissioner Reed was unanimous appointed by the Board on January 21, 2026.

Presentation to Council

Tiffany Moore Behavioral Health Taskforce Coordinator with the Beaufort county Health Department gave a presentation on Community Kiosks. These vending style machines, part of the Prevention Point Program, will offer our citizens an array items for health and welfare. Some of the 34 items available will be Narcan, sharps containers and clean syringes. Over the counter health items as well information about 988 and other crisis services. The machine will have touch screen access with badge reader/PROX card and magnetic strip card reader. The BC360 Behavior Health Taskforce is requesting that the Town provide electrical hookup and service for the machine that is planned to be located on 4th Street in front of the Community Watch/Public Works office. The presentation was well received. Rick Baker asked for the Board of Commissioners support. A motion to approve the kiosk to be placed on 4th Street was made by Commissioner McCormack. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and passed with a 3 to 0 vote.

Old Business

Under Old Business, Jamie Heath Planner with the Mid-East Commission provided the Board with new updates on all current infrastructure projects that included:

- NC Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI) Force Main Replacement and 3rd St. List Station Rehab – RK&K contract for preparation of engineering /environmental report
- Resilient Coastal Communities Program (RCCP) Phase 4 Wastewater Treatment Plant project (wetland restoration, berm improvement, sludge removal)
- NC Land and Water Fund Baileys Creek Nature Based Tributary Improvements
- Fall Round for DWI applications

Please see the attached document.

Next under Old Business the Clerk provided the Board a copy of the 2001 Public Works Incremental Increase Chart, as discussed last month with the Public Works Director. The chart provided hourly increases for mastering pieces of equipment and obtaining water and sewer credentials such as collecting samples C-Well Distribution. The Clerk stated the chart was 25 years old and requested the Board's input and opinion on updating it. After a short discussion, she was advised to check with other NC municipalities to compare their process.

The last item under Old Business was Speed bumps to be placed on the designated problem area of 7th Street between Chapin and Bonner. The Clerk provided the Board with printed guidance on conducting a Public Hearing to receive public comment as well as sign off from adjacent property owners prior to the speed bumps being installed. After some discussion, it was concluded that a Public Hearing would take place and possible door to door canvassing for signatures would take place in the near future.

New Business

Under New Business, the Clerk obtained the new Boards signatures for the authorization of banking transactions with Southern Bank. She advised that once a new Town Clerk/Finance Officer was hired, the Board would need to sign a new set of authorization documents.

Next under New Business, the Public Works Director, Matthew Robinson had provided the Clerk with a quote for a new Emergency Generator for the 3rd Street Lift Station. The quote was just under \$19,000. The Clerk also advised that Jamie Heath with the Mid-East Commission will include the cost of the generator in with the DWI grant application for the Force Main Replacement and 3rd St. Lift Station Rehab.

Staff Reports

Please see the attached report from Public Works Director Matthew Robinson.

The Clerk requested a recess meeting in order to review the line item budgets for the General Fund and the Water/Sewer Utility.

Mayor and Board Comments

Commissioner Williams asked if the Veterans Challenge was a non-profit organization. Ms. Guthrie answered yes.

Adjournment/Recess

There being no further business, a motion to recess the meeting until Wednesday, February 25th was made by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner Jordan and approved with a 4 to 0 vote.

Curt Hendrix, Mayor

Judith S. Lannon, Town Clerk