

TOWN OF AURORA, NC
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' MINUTES
June 17, 2019 Meeting

A recessed meeting of the Aurora Town Board of Commissioners was held at 6:00 P.M. on June 17, 2019, at the Town Hall. Mayor Clif Williams called the meeting to order with the following present:

Officials Present: [X] Clif Williams, Mayor

**Commissioners
Present:**

[X] W. C. Boyd, Police
[X] John Farrow, Public Works
[X] Brad Lee, Water and Sewer (Mayor Pro Tempore)
[X] Jeff Peed, Buildings and Facilities

Attendance: [X] Sandra Sartin – Interim Town Clerk/Finance Officer
[] Terry Groome – Public Works Director
[] Curt Hendrix – Recreation Coordinator
[] Various members of the public were in attendance

A motion to enter into closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11 (a)(6) To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; or to hear or investigate a complaint, charge, or grievance by or against an individual public officer or employee, was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Farrow and approved with a 3 to 0 vote. (Commissioner Boyd then arrived at the meeting.)

After the meeting returned to regular session, Cynthia Crane, Executive Director of the Aurora Fossil Museum Foundation reported she had been informed by school personnel that the summer program sponsored by the Museum was responsible for S. W. Snowden Middle School students scoring the highest grades in Beaufort County on end of year tests. She acknowledged that this proves Aurora's students can excel if given the opportunity. She also informed the Board that a forum will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18, at S. W. Snowden gym to receive input from area residents about a proposed plan to close the school.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Peed and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the proposed contract with Allen Paul and Sandy Acton for overseeing the proposed Aurora Industrial Park project, after the \$50,000 cap on legal fees is removed from the agreement.

Interim Town Clerk/Finance Officer Sandra Sartin reported that a revised bid has been received from Garriss Paving and Grading, Inc., in the amount of \$31,745.50 to include ABC stone and scarify into the stone for the Marina road paving project. The Board was in agreement with this price.

Mayor Williams reported that he has been contacted by Representative Keith Kidwell about possible allocation of funds to the Town of Aurora for infrastructure and recreation upgrades.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Peed and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to approve a resolution accepting a tentative award from DEQ for the Water Treatment Upgrade Project.

After Sandra Sartin presented adjustments to the previously submitted proposed 2019/20 budget, a motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Farrow and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to approve the 2019/20 Budget Ordinance as follows: General Fund - \$399,966; Water and Sewer Fund - \$247,750; Equipment Purchase - \$10,000; Richland Township Fire and Rescue Tax Fund - \$860,600.

A motion was made by Commissioner Peed, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to offer the Town Clerk/Finance Officer position to Judith Lannon at a beginning salary of \$34,000.

A motion was made by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Peed and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to promote Chuck Bonner to the Public Works Director position at a salary of \$47,500.

A motion was made by Commissioner Boyd, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved with a 4 to 0 vote to adjourn the meeting.

Clif Williams, Mayor

Sandra Sartin, Interim Town Clerk/Finance Officer