

**TOWN OF RANLO
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
February 13, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Ranlo Board of Commissioners was held Thursday, February 13, 2020 at the Ranlo Town Hall.

The Ranlo Board of Commissioners consist of:

Mayor Lynn Black

Commissioner Doug Moore

Commissioner Jamie Fowler

Commissioner Effie Locklear

Commissioner Katie Cordell

Commissioner Robin Conner

Others Present: Public Works Director/Interim Town Coordinator, Jason Green

Town Attorney: Jim Windham

Mayor Lynn Black gave the invocation.

Mayor Lynn Black called the meeting to order and Finance Director, Tracey Smith called the roll, all Board Members were Present.

I. **Approval of Minutes / Board of Commissioners**

Mayor Lynn Black asked for a motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting on January 9, a special meeting on January 27 special meeting and closed session. Commissioner Jamie Fowler made a motion and Commissioner Doug Moore seconded.

Commissioner Locklear asked if this was on the skateboarding park or the alcohol. She stated had been asked if she voted on alcohol and she wanted to say in public that she did not. She explained that if there was an event in Ranlo that was in question that the decision would have to come before the Ranlo Board of Commissioners. She said she did not and will not vote for alcohol.

The motion passed unanimously.

II. Motion to Adopt Proposed Agenda (additions and/or deletions)

Mayor Black asked for a motion. Commission Locklear made the motion and Commissioner Cordell seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Citizen Concern 5-minute Time Limit

None

IV. Citizen Concern 3-minute Time Limit

None

V. Special Presentations

Mayor Black asked Jimmy Lunsford and Brian Holland to come forward.

Jimmy was sworn in as Chief of Police by Town Clerk, Tracey Smith and his wife, Julie pinned him.

Brian Holland was sworn in as Assistant Chief of Police by Town Clerk, Tracey Smith and his wife, Berie pinned him.

Kevin Jones was also recognized as getting promoted to Sergeant.

VI. Reports from Departments

Police Department

Chief Lunsford gave the report that the Police Department responded to 311 events in January and time consumed was 280.77 hours.

Chief Lunsford asked the Board for consent on the trade of the previous administrator's vehicle, a 2019 Dodge Ram, in order to put another patrol vehicle back in use. The trade would leave \$7,000 to go toward the payment of another vehicle that was previously approved for purchase but is still being built.

Commissioner Cordell made the motion to approve the trade and Commissioner Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Lunsford also asked for a budget amendment of \$39,193.54 for insurance claims to be moved from the Town's General Fund budget to the Police Department's Budget.

Commissioner Locklear made the motion and Commissioner Fowler seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Works

Charles Harper gave the report that Public Works Department completed 124 work orders and had 29 new customers, sanitation picked up a total of 156 tons of waste, and they also received the new trash truck. Also, a 6" main water line was repaired in January.

NC State Inspection on the sewer passed with no penalties. The Inspector recommended we replace the Ariel crossing at the end of Burlington Avenue.

With the heavy rain last week our Duff St. Lift Station overflowed. It was reported to the State. There was nothing we could do with all the rain.

Recreation Department

Recreation Director Leah Hames gave the report that the sports signups are going on now through March 2. She is looking forward to the sports season, they are starting a new program called Seniorcise, and they are starting Spring Out of the House Bingo in March. She invited everyone to come out to play volleyball or cheer them on at Ranlo Church of God on Thursdays.

Fire Department

Charles Harper gave the report that the Fire Department responded to 79 calls; 10 fires, 40 EMS calls, 13 service calls, 6 were good intent calls 9 were false alarm calls and 1 was weather related.

Commissioner Moore also mentioned that the alarm that was heard last week was a tornado warning.

Finance Department

Finance Director, Tracey Smith reported that the money in the bank accounts as of January 31, 2020 as follows:

BB&T Concentrated account	\$ 811,311.18
BB&T Payroll account	\$ 8,774.33

NC Capital Management

General	\$2,319,353.31
Powell	\$ 390,774.61

Mayor Black recognized this as being Tracey's last meeting and commended her on her dedication and service to Ranlo and wished her all the best.

Commissioner Conner spoke up and said that she was told that Tracey and Leah were both liked at the TCC Meetings and the widening of Spencer Mountain Road is one of the top 5 projects pending funding. It will be possibly 2 years before the State can do this project. She thanked Tracey.

VII. Request to Change Name of Robin Street

Randy Thomasson asked the Board to rename Robin Street to Billy Ray Fulbright Way in honor of one of Ranlo's Heroes who committed the ultimate sacrifice for the Town of Ranlo in 1977. He told of Mr. Fulbright being a great mentor, and stated that he helped start the Ranlo VFD, and was an all-around good man.

Mr. Thomasson said that the Fire Department now has a new Chief, Mr. Doug Moore, and a new Deputy Chief, Mr. Charles (CJ) Harper and he asked that we show them support.

Commissioner Locklear made the motion to rename Robin Street to Billy Ray Fulbright Way. Commissioner Fowler seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Reports from Mayor and Commissioners

Mayor Black said he did not have a report.

Commissioner Doug Moore said he had a request from the Public Works Department is looking for another truck and the Police Department is wanting to phase out of the trucks all but one so they are asking to exchange one of the Police Department trucks for a used SUV to be used as a K-9 Unit and will be purchased for \$16,000.00 out of the Public Works budget.

Commissioner Cordell made a motion and Commissioner Moore seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Locklear spoke up and said we also need to find some money to get rid of some trees in the park and asked Interim Coordinator Jason Green if he was able to find out anything. Mr. Green said he had the trees inspected and they said the trees are diseased and need to come down. The inspector said we could work with the Forestry Service and check into getting grants to replace the trees that are removed.

Mr. Green stated that there is some money in the ballfield repair fund they could possibly pull. Commissioner Locklear asked Commissioner Cordell what type of work needed to be done to the ballfield. Commissioner Cordell said we need to get dirt. She said she thinks there is more than enough money in there to take care of both these items.

Mr. Green pointed out the safety aspect in the park as well as the natural aspect.

Mayor Black asked if there was a motion to make these for no more than \$14,000.00.

Commissioner Fowler made the motion and Commissioner Locklear seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Fowler asked for an update on the building for the Police Department and Chief Lunsford came and said this would be more money and trouble than it would be worth, and they were going to hold off on it.

Commissioner Moore made a motion to retract the previously approved motion to allow them to proceed with moving to the Metyx Building on Lowell Road. Commissioner Locklear seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Moore also made a motion to start looking into getting this area fixed up as well as the Lodge. He said we need to start planning now and not wait until the last minute.

Commissioner Locklear said she had spoken to Mr. Green about the renovation on the Lodge; however, it was not in this years' budget.

Mayor Black stated we should take care of the second motion in the planning session. Commissioner Moore agreed.

Mayor Black asked if they could go ahead and schedule the planning session and if Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 would be okay. Commissioner Cordell asked if they could make the planning session for the 28th which is on Friday. They agreed.

Commissioner made a motion to go into a 15-minute recess before closed session, Commissioner Locklear seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Closed Session

Commissioner Locklear made a motion to continue this meeting until February 28, at 6 p.m. Commissioner Fowler seconded. The motion passes unanimously.

X. Any Motions Pertaining to Closed Session

No motions made.

XI. Adjournment

Commissioner Locklear made a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Conner seconded, and the motion passes unanimously.

Attested to:

Mayor Lynn Black

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on February 13, 2020