

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MONTHLY JUNE 2022 MEETING  
RANLO TOWN HALL  
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054  
THURSDAY, JULY 14TH, 2022 7:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Governing Body Present**

Commissioner Morton  
Commissioner Fowler  
Commissioner Moore  
Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell  
Mayor Black

**Staff Present**

Town Manager           Jonathan Blanton  
Town Clerk             Sarah Rowan

**I.    Call to Order**

Mayor Black called the meeting to order and Town Clerk Sarah Rowan conducted roll call. Commissioner Hay was not present. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell attended the meeting via phone call. She left the meeting during item IX before the vote.  
Mayor Pro Tem Cordell via call in

**II.   Adoption of the Agenda**

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

**III.   Comments from Attendees**

The Town Manager reported that there were no comments from attendees wishing to address the Board.

Jessica Haley of Charlotte addressed the Board and encouraged the Board to take citizen opinions into consideration and to look to the future. She added that the Board should look at people who participate and are involved in the community.

**IV.   Approval of the Board of Commissioners' Monthly June Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Moore motioned to approve the Board of Commissioners' monthly June meeting minutes. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

Commissioner Morton motioned to approve the monthly June meeting closed session minutes. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

#### **V. Consideration of Commissioner Trevor Hay's Resignation**

Commissioner Morton motioned to accept Commissioner Trevor Hay's resignation. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

#### **VI. Update on Health Insurance for the Governing Body**

The Town Manager provided an update on health insurance for the the Governing Body. He noted that Contemporary Benefits advised that the Town's plan had already been renewed and a resubmittal would be required to make any changes. Any reimbursement to the Town would have to go through payroll deductions with a 60-90 days notice.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to undo the vote to raise salaries and require Governing Body members to pay the difference of their health insurance premiums. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 4-0.

#### **VII. Town Manager's Report**

The Town Manager announced that National Night Out will be held on August 2nd, 2022. The Police and Fire Departments will be in attendance along with a helicopter and a hotdog giveaway.

The Town Manager added that the Police Department is hosting a back to school drive the following weeks.

The Town Manager thanked the public and the Board for attending the July 9th fireworks and hotdog giveaway.

The Town Manager announced that the Town was tentatively awarded two asset inventory assessment grants totaling \$300,000 for wastewater and water systems. He noted that the success of the grant application is a gateway to other funding opportunities.

The Town Manager commended the Police Department for a drug bust of 30 pounds of marijuana that day.

## **VIII. Comments from the Mayor and Board of Commissioners**

Commissioner Morton requested permission from the Board for him and the Town Manager to form a recreation committee. The Board reached a consensus.

The Board reached a consensus on August 20th, 2022 for the next Milltown Nights.

The Town Manager read the following statement regarding the resignation of Commissioner Trevor Hay:

On Thursday, July 14th 2022, the Ranlo Board of Commissioners voted to unanimously accept the resignation of Commissioner Trevor Hay. Former Commissioner Hay submitted his resignation on Saturday, July 9th 2022. The resignation is effective upon the acceptance of the Board.

Over the last week, it was revealed that Mr. Hay was impersonating a private citizen on social media and using this platform to criticize, attack, and demean people across Ranlo and Gaston County.

The Town of Ranlo unequivocally denounces the actions of former Commissioner Hay. This behavior is unacceptable, inexcusable, and does not reflect the values of the Town of Ranlo. Ranlo is a diverse community, built with pride, and divisive personal attacks to those who have differences of opinions are not what we stand for as a community or as a town.

All of us here at the Town offer our deepest apologizes to those who were offended and victimized by former Commissioner Hay. These attacks were launched by Mr. Hay in his personal capacity and are not a representation of our governing board or administration. No person should fear intimidation or persecution from those who have been elected to represent them.

The Ranlo Board of Commissioners will be accepting letters of interest from any person wishing to be appointed to fulfill the remainder of former Commissioner Hay's term of office which is set to expire in November 2025. All letters of interest are due by 5:00 pm on Thursday, August 11th 2022 at Ranlo Town Hall, 1624 Spencer Mountain Road, Gastonia, North Carolina 28054, or via email to [jblanton@townofranlo.org](mailto:jblanton@townofranlo.org).

Commissioner Fowler suggested that the Board allow citizens to express their interest in the vacant seat. Mayor Black noted that the last election shows people who were interested in the job.

Commissioner Moore suggested that all letters of interest be submitted by the regular August 11th, 2022 meeting and a decision to be made at the regular September 8th, 2022 meeting.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to have letters of interest submitted by the August meeting and a decision made at the September meeting. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell's phone call was dropped.

Mayor Black expressed regret for the actions of Trevor Hay. He condemned cyber bullying and urged others to be positive.

#### **IX. Adjournment**

Commissioner Moore motioned to adjourn the regular July 14th, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 3-0.

ATTESTED TO:

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Mayor Lynn Black

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Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Monthly July 2022 Meeting