

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL DECEMBER 14TH 2023
MEETING
RANLO TOWN HALL
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH 2023 7:00 PM**

MINUTES

Governing Body Present

Mayor Lynn Black
Mayor Pro-Tem Katie Cordell
Commissioner Robin Conner
Commissioner Jamie Fowler
Commissioner Doug Moore
Commissioner Wade Morton

Staff Present

Town Manager Jonathan Blanton
Town Attorney Nick Tosco

Others Present

Commissioner-Elect Ronnie Laws

I. Call to Order

Mayor Black called the meeting to order and the Town Manager conducted the roll call. All members were present.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the agenda and Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

III. Comments from Attendees

There were no comments from attendees.

IV. Adoption of the November 10th 2023 Regular Meeting of the Board

Commissioner Morton motioned to adopt the November 10th 2023 regular meeting minutes of the Board and Mayor Pro Tem Cordell provided the second. The measure passed with a 5-0 vote.

V. Adoption of the December 5th 2023 Special Meeting Minutes of the Board

Mayor Pro Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the December 5th 2023 special meeting minutes of the Board and Commissioner Conner provided the second. The measure passed with a 5-0 vote.

VI. Adoption of the December 5th 2023 Closed Session Meeting Minutes of the Board

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the December 5th 2023 closed session meeting minutes of the Board and Mayor Pro Tem Cordell provided the second. The measure passed with a 5-0 vote.

VII. Swearing-In of New Elected Officials

The Honorable Justin Davis administered the oath of office to Ronnie Laws, Jamie Fowler, and Doug Moore for the positions of Ranlo Commissioner.

VIII. Appointment to Various Positions

Commissioner Morton motioned to appoint Doug Moore as Mayor Pro Tem and Commissioner Laws provided the second. The measure passed with a 5-0 vote.

Mayor Pro Tem Moore motioned to appoint Commissioner Conner as the representative to the Centraline Regional Council with Commissioner Morton as the alternate. Commissioner Laws seconded the motion. The measure passed with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Laws motioned to appoint Mayor Black as the representative to the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Commissioner Fowler as the alternate. Commissioner Conner seconded the motion. The measure passed with a 5-0 vote.

IX. Presentation of the Fiscal Year 2023 Audit

Eddie Carrick presented the Board with the findings of the fiscal year 2023 audit. Mr. Carrick noted that the unassigned fund balance of the Town's General fund grew to 132% of current year's expenditures. Mr. Carrick gave an overview of all funds and noted the Town's strong financial standing.

X. Adoption of 2024 Meeting and Holiday Schedule

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the 2024 meeting and holiday schedule. Commissioner Laws provided the second. The measure passed by a 5-0 vote.

XI. Second Quarter Budget Amendments

Mayor Pro Tem Moore motioned to approve the second quarter budget amendments and Commissioner Morton provided the second. The measure passed by a 5-0 vote.

XII. Approval of Revised RFQ for Lead and Copper Grant Funding

Mayor Pro Tem Moore motioned to approve the revised RFQ for lead and copper grant funding and Commissioner Fowler provided the second. The measure passed by a 5-0 vote.

XIII. Approval of Revised RFQ for Engineering Services for NCDEQ Grant Administration

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the revised RFQ for engineering services for NCDEQ grant administration and Commissioner Morton provided the second. The measure passed by a 5-0 vote.

XIV. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager noted that Town Hall would be closed for the Christmas holiday on December 25 and December 26. He noted that there would be a one day delay in residential garbage pick-up.

Mr. Blanton recognized that Senator Brad Overcash was in the audience and thanked him for his continued support of the Town and recent funding allocations made by the General Assembly.

The Town Manager noted that Christmas at the Lodge would be happening on Friday, December 15, a ribbon cutting for Gardin Park would be occurring on Saturday, December 16, and the Ranlo Christmas Parade would be happening on Saturday, December 16.

XV. Closed Session Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(6)

Mayor Pro Tem Moore motioned to enter into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-11(6) and Commissioner Laws provided the second. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

XVI. Return to Open Session and Motion to Adjourn

Commissioner Fowler motioned to return to open session and Commissioner Laws seconded the motion. The vote passed by a 5-0 margin.

Commissioner Moton voted to approve the recommended salary adjustments for employees and Commissioner Laws provided the second. The measure passed by a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to enter into negotiations to offer the position of Town Manager to Mr. Charlie Hansen contingent on a drug-screen and a criminal background check. Commissioner Conner provided the second. The measure passed by 5-0 vote.

XVII. Motion to Adjourn

Mayor Pro Tem Moore motioned to adjourn the December 14th 2023 meeting of the Board. Commissioner Morton provided the second. The vote passed by a 4-0 vote.

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the December 14th 2023 Meeting.