

**RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SPECIAL JULY 29TH 2021 MEETING**  
**RANLO TOWN HALL**  
**1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN RD, RANLO, NC 28054**  
**JULY 29TH, 2021**  
**6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

**Governing Body Present:**

Mayor	Lynn Black
Mayor Pro-Tem	Katie Cordell
Commissioner	Robin Conner
Commissioner	Jamie Fowler
Commissioner	Effie Locklear
Commissioner	Doug Moore

**Staff Present:**

Town Manager	Jonathan Blanton
Town Clerk	Sarah Rowan

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call**

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

Mayor Black offered the invocation.

**II. Adoption of the Agenda**

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the Agenda for the July 29th Special Meeting with an amended closed session. Commissioner Locklear provided the second. The vote was 5-0.

**III. Comments from Attendees**

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

**IV. Approval of the July 20th Special Meeting Minutes**

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the July 20th Board of Commissioners' Special Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell provided the second. The vote was 5-0.

**V. Report of Petition Sufficiency and Direction to Call for a Public Hearing**

The Town Manager directed the Board's attention to the Certification of the Sufficiency of a Petition for the Voluntary Annexation of the WBTV property. The Town Manager explained that the Petition Directing the Clerk to Investigate the Sufficiency of a Petition for Voluntary Annexation under North Carolina General Statute 160A-31 was discussed at the prior meeting. The Town Manager explained that the report contains an adequate property description which is continuous to the Town of Ranlo property behind the Lodge on Spencer Mountain Road. Based on the Town Manager's legal assessment of the petition and enclosures included, it meets all the standards of the North Carolina General Statute 160-A-31. In the Town Manager's professional and legal opinion, the Town Manager believes the petition is sufficient to move forward with setting a public hearing during the regular August 12th meeting at 7 P.M. The public hearing is the final step in annexing the 152 acres currently owned by WBTV. The Town Manager has made arrangements for the Public Hearing to be posted in the Gaston Gazette beginning Friday, July 30th.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to approve the Public Hearing during the regular August 12th meeting at 7 P.M. Commissioner Moore seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

**VI. Comments from the Mayor and from the Board of Commissioners**

Mayor Black raised a question action required for a letter of support. The Town Manager explained that he was requesting signatures for a letter of support by the Board. The letter is for a scholarship from North Carolina City County Management Association to attend the International City County Management Association annual conference. The annual conference has a specialization on small towns this year, prompting the Town Managers interest in attending.

**VII. Closed Session**

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to go into closed session and Commissioner Locklear seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

**VIII. Open Session**

Commissioner Moore motioned to go back into open session and Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0. No official action was taken.

**IX. Adjournment**

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adjourn the July 29th Special Meeting and Commissioner Moore provided the second. The vote was 5-0.

ATTESTED TO:

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Mayor Lynn Black

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Recorder and Transcriber of the minutes for Special Board Meeting of July 29th, 2021