

**TOWN OF RANLO BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MONTHLY
SEPTEMBER 2021 MEETING
RANLO TOWN HALL
1624 SPENCER MOUNTAIN ROAD, RANLO, NORTH CAROLINA 28054
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 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. Commissioner Moore attended the meeting via call-in.

Mayor Black offered the invocation.

II. Adoption of the Agenda

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the agenda for the September 9th, 2021 Board of Commissioners Regular Monthly Meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell 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 August 12th 2021 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to approve the August 12th, 2021 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Conner seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

V. Public Hearing for North Carolina Small Cities Community Development Block Grant Application

This public hearing is for the Town's proposed FY2021 grant application for the Community Development Block Grant- Infrastructure Program (CDBG-I) for the South Ranlo Water System Improvements Project. The purpose of the public hearing is to explain the proposed project activities, with discussion afterwards. In short, the Town is requesting up to approximately \$2 million funds (up to 100% of total project costs) from NC Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Division of Water Infrastructure (DWI), for the replacement of up to approximately 5,600 linear feet of 2" diameter aging water line with associated valves, hydrants, and water service reconnections. This project will eliminate deficient water lines, improve water quality, improve system operation and maintenance, and reduce risks to public and environmental health. All work is proposed within the existing infrastructure, within previously disturbed rights-of-way, and within residential areas. This CDBG-I project will provide critical public water improvements for the Town's low- and moderate- income (LMI) community.

Commissioner Locklear motioned to open the Public Hearing. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell provided the second. The vote was 5-0.

With no further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Fowler and seconded by Commissioner Locklear to close the public hearing.

VI. Five Minute Recess

VII. Reconvene the Regular September 9th 2021 Meeting

VIII. Adoption of the Public Hearing Minutes to Apply for the 2021 CDBG-Infrastructure Grant

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adopt the Public Hearing Minutes to Apply for the CDBG-Infrastructure Grant. Commissioner Conner provided the second. The vote was 5-0.

IX. Adoption of the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Community Development Block Infrastructure Grant's Required Plan for Residential Anti-Displacement

Commissioner Conner motioned to adopt the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality Community Block Infrastructure Grant's Required Plan for Residential Anti-Displacement. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

X. Adoption of Resolution to Apply for 2021 CDBG-Infrastructure Grant

Commissioner Fowler motioned to adopt the Resolution to Apply for 2021 CDBG-Infrastructure Grant. Commissioner Conner seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

XI. Public Hearing for a Variance for 2403 Lowell Road

GMNC Holdings, LLC. requested to postpone the Public Hearing.

Commissioner Locklear motioned to postpone the Public Hearing for a Variance for 2403 Lowell Road to the October 14th Monthly Meeting. Mayor Pro-Tem seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Fowler motioned to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Locklear seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

XII. Presentation of the Flock Camera Safety Systems

Frank Danihel of Flock Camera Safety Systems made a presentation to the Board regarding security cameras. Mr. Danihel has worked closely with local HOAs, neighboring municipalities, and the Ranlo Police Department regarding the company's products.

Mr. Danihel explained to the Board of Commissioners that the cameras only capture images of vehicles and are solar powered. The Board inquired about a formal proposal and Mr. Danihel explained that he had communicated with Chief Lunsford and there was not yet an official plan.

XIII. Town Manager's Report

The Town Manager requested the scheduling of a Special Meeting on September 23rd at 6:00 PM. The purpose of the meeting is to review and finalize grant applications. The Board reached a consensus to schedule the meeting.

XIV. Comments from Mayor and the Board of Commissioners

There were no comments from the Mayor or the Board of Commissioners.

XV. Closed Session Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(3)(6)

Commissioner Locklear motioned to go into closed session. Commissioner Fowler provided the second. The vote was 5-0.

XVI. Return to Open Session and Consideration of Closed Session Action

Commissioner Locklear motioned to return to open session. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to approve the August 12th 2021 Closed Session Minutes. Commissioner Fowler seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned for dismissal of the Town's ORC. Commissioner Locklear provided the second. The vote was 5-0.

Commissioner Locklear motioned to raise the Public Works Director's salary. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

Town Manager Jonathan Blanton mentioned the request for an additional officer to the Police Department. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell mentioned that this action would put the Police Department over \$1 million. Mr. Blanton said that the request had been made several times, but it is not funded or budgeted for in the current fiscal year. Commissioner Fowler asked what had changed since the last discussion in March. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell requested a budget neutral solution and formal proposals. Mayor Black asked to have Chief Lunsford at the next meeting. Mr. Blanton responded that Chief Lunsford was available to answer questions at the moment. Commissioner Locklear commented on neighboring towns and how many officers they have. She also inquired about what had changed since March. Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell mentioned that the national average per 1,000 people is 2.5 officers and the Town should have no more than 12, which is the current amount of officers. Mayor Black asked if there is any area in the Police budget to

cut back on. Mr. Blanton responded that Chief Lunsford feels that the budget is as tight as can be. No motion or action was taken.

XVII. Adjournment

Mayor Pro-Tem Cordell motioned to adjourn the September 9th Board of Commissioners Monthly Meeting. Commissioner Locklear seconded the motion. The vote was 5-0.

ATTESTED TO:

Mayor Lynn Black

Recorder and transcriber of the minutes for the Regular September 9 2021 Meeting