

## **MINUTES OF THE RICHFIELD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**Date:** November 24, 2025

**Location:** Richfield Town Hall

**Time:** 6:00 PM

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Members Present:**

- Commissioner Kevin Almond
- Commissioner Barry Byrd
- Commissioner Christy NeCaise
- Commissioner Cynthia Heglar
- (Absent) Commissioner Mike Beaver
- Mayor Sharon Blatt

**Visitors Present:** Terry Byrd, Jim Misenheimer, Zina Risley, John Risley, Victoria Greene, Robert Greene, CJ Crisco, Stacy Almond, Gale Kirk, June Almond, Tyler Gordon, Lynn Galloway, Deanette Russell, Rick Russell, Jennifer Lehn

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Blatt calls the meeting to order at 6:00 pm

#### **Motion 92-25 – Approve Agenda**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to approve the agenda. Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion carries unanimously.

#### **Formal Request – Lynn Galloway – Deannexation**

Mr. Galloway addressed the board by explaining why his property/business was annexed into town limits years ago. He said the main reason was because they needed sewer put in.

Commissioner Almond asked him why he wanted to be deannexed. Mr. Galloway stated that he should have been grandfathered in and said it's due to the trouble and enforcement from the code people. Commissioner NeCaise asked if he could apply to be rezoned.

Commissioner Byrd let Mr. Galloway know that the Town of Richfield does not have the authority to deannex and let him know he would have to apply and speak with the General Assembly.

## **Public Comments**

Jim Misenheimer - Spoke on what he thinks are important issues in Richfield. He addressed one of them being Lynn Galloway and zoning. He spoke about grandfathering in for zoning violations. Another issue is Policing. He thanked Sheriff Crisco for coming to the meeting. Lastly, he mentioned transparency. Who is running the town? He mentioned Commissioner Byrd speaking with Misenheimer with no Board knowledge. He also noted the appointment of the new Mayor happening quickly at the emergency meeting.

Zina Risley – Thanked the Board for the Christmas Lights.

Commissioner Almond spoke to clarify the meeting where the Mayor was appointed was a Special Meeting and not an Emergency Meeting as Mr. Misenheimer stated.

### **Motion 93-25 – Approve Minutes from September 22, 2025**

Commissioner Byrd motioned to approve the minutes from September 22, 2025.

Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Motion 94-25 – Approve Minutes from October 2, 2025.**

Commissioner Heglar motioned to approve the minutes from October 2, 2025.

Commissioner NeCaise Seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Motion 95-25 – Approve September 2025 Financials**

Commissioner Heglar motioned to approve the financials from September 2025.

Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Motion 96-25 – Approval of October 2025 Financials**

Commissioner Heglar motioned to approve the financials from September 2025.

Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mike Beaver-Maintenance Seat: Commissioner Byrd stated that Mr. Beaver's intentions are to come back in May. Commissioner NeCaise said he is currently trying to make every other monthly meeting. Commissioner Almond stated that if he isn't going to be here then we need to fill his spot. He said there hasn't been a full board since he's been here.

Commissioner Byrd said the Town Charter states that we can replace him until he comes back. Mayor Blatt asked if everyone was in favor of having him Skype in. Commissioner NeCaise said it would be hard for him to do that while he is working. Commissioner Almond

said he would like to see a full board. Mayor Blatt asked if the board wanted to find someone to take his seat temporarily. Commissioner Almond suggested the board see if CJ Crisco would be interested.

### **Motion 97-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to let anyone interested in filling the maintenance seat temporarily let Town Hall staff know by the next meeting.

Commissioner Almond seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Town Hall Structure & Personnel**

Commissioner Almond stated that Commissioner NeCaise has more time to dedicate to the Park and he would take the streets. Commissioner NeCaise said she didn't know what was wrong with having co-chairs for the Park but she was fine to switch.

Commissioner Heglar said that she was fine to be over the budget but she didn't want to be over personnel because her husband works for the town. Commissioner NeCaise said that maintenance and supplies are being handled by Mike Beaver, would that be a good place for personnel? Commissioner Byrd said we should let Commissioner Beaver come back and see if personnel is something he would want and if so he can it from Scottie then.

Mayor Blatt spoke to the Board on some things she wanted implemented right away. She said all cellphones are to be turned off during meetings so everyone is paying attention. Commissioner NeCaise asked if that was just for the Board to which Mayor Blatt replied everyone. Commissioner NeCaise and Heglar both stated that they didn't think you could do that to the public.

Mayor Blatt stated that all meetings will be recorded from now on.

Mayor Blatt said that once we hire a Town Attorney that no one can go to the attorney other than Carolyn or they will be billed for it personally. No Board member is allowed to charge hours and everything needs to run through town hall.

Mayor Blatt stated that all citizen complaints needed to run through town hall.

Mayor Blatt stated that purchase orders of \$25 or more needed to be signed off by the budget officer, Commissioner Heglar.

### **Motion 98-25**

Commissioner Byrd motioned to have a \$300 petty cash fund. Motion died on the table.

Commissioner NeCaise asked what if there's an emergency? Commissioner Heglar stated that Ann Moore with the NC Treasury recommended that purchase orders be signed.

#### **Motion 99-25**

Commissioner Byrd motioned to stay with the \$300.00 minimum purchase.

Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Blatt asked if we can charge .25 a copy. Commissioner Byrd asked if she could look into what other municipalities do. Mayor Blatt stated that she had and they do charge.

#### **Motion 100-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to table this topic.

Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Sheriff Contract**

Mayor Blatt stated that there is still no staff available to fulfill the contract.

Commissioner Almond said he thought the Mayor, Carolyn and Lindsay needed to meet with Sheriff Crisco and get options

Commissioner NeCaise said we aren't being charged anything right now.

Mayor Blatt asked who gets the money when the car is sold. Commissioner NeCaise said the Sheriff's Department does.

Commissioner NeCaise asked what information was gathered from meetings with Misenheimer and meeting with Sheriff Crisco previously. Mayor Blatt said there was discussion to consider supplemental coverage 3-4 days a week and the budgeted amount would be \$70k/year. Mayor Blatt stated that her and Carolyn did not meet with Misenheimer.

Commissioner NeCaise said she didn't know why you would cancel with the Sheriff's Department if there is no other option.

~~Commissioner Byrd stated that you would need to do the contract over and we would pay for the car?~~

Commissioner Almond commented that we didn't budget right in the first place and this is our fault.

Commissioner Byrd said the Stanly County Sheriff's Office cost had gone up because the county manager didn't give Sheriff Crisco a budget number for the Town of Richfield until June for the past 2 years.

Mayor Blatt stated that right now the contract is null and void because it can't be fulfilled.

### **Motion 101-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to keep the contract as-is.

Commissioner Almond seconded. Commissioner Byrd opposed.

Commissioner Heglar opened up further discussion. Commissioner Heglar asked if we are still paying for the car regardless? Commissioner Almond said he didn't think we needed to do anything until January. Commissioner Byrd asked into the next budget year? Or we could work towards more hours now for coverage.

Sheriff Crisco said that we can terminate the existing contract and go into a new one right away.

Commissioner Byrd stated that he would like to request a legal opinion. Commissioner NeCaise asked what for? Commissioner Byrd said to see if we have to buy the car. Commissioner Almond said that seemed smart.

### **Motion 102-25**

Commissioner Heglar Motioned to decline American Towers request.

Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Motion 103-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to approve the agenda sign up form with 10 business days requirement. Commissioner Almond seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Accounting/Fiscal Year Audit**

Get all information together regarding options for accountants and auditors to bring to the next meeting.

### **Motion 104-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to approve the new website to go live in January 2026.

Commissioner Almond seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion 105-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to approve the Hero Banners project for Memorial Day 2026.

Commissioner Almond seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion 106-25**

Commissioner Byrd motioned to sync the terms of the planning board members so all their terms will have a start of May 2025.

Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Adjustments needs 3 members, 1 within town limits and 2 from the ETJ.

Mayor Blatt mentioned that everything for the Town Attorney will be at the next meeting.

**Motion 107-25**

Commissioner Byrd motioned to hold a Public Hearing at the next meeting for changes to the subdivision ordinance.

Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion 108-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned moving the December meeting to December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm.

Commissioner Byrd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Appointment of Deputy Finance Officer.**

Commissioner Heglär stated that her and Carolyn spoke with Ann Moore and she stated that Cindy has to sign all checks unless the Board appoints a Deputy Finance Officer who would be able to sign when she is out of town.

**Motion 109-25**

Commissioner Heglär motioned to appoint Commissioner Byrd as the Deputy Finance officer.

Commissioner Almond seconded. Commissioner Byrd abstained. Motion carried.

## **North Stanly Plow Jock Power Championship Day – January 16, 2026**

Commissioner Byrd received a letter from Lonnie Brown requesting the Town of Richfield to proclaim January 16, 2026 North Stanly Plow Jock Power Championship Day to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1976 North Stanly Women's Basketball team winning the WNCHSAA Championship. Commissioner Byrd asked the board to accept the proclamation to make January 16, 2026 North Stanly Plow Jock Championship Day and approached the board for a donation as well.

### **Motion 110-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned for the acceptance of the Proclamation and for the Town to give a \$1000 donation to the 1976 North Stanly Women's Championship team.

Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Department Reports**

Commissioner Almond stated that the pond at the park is low and the fence is up at the weir. He stated that he would like to talk to the park committee about getting heat in the bathrooms and the potential to do some remodeling.

### **Motion 111-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to move money back into the park budget since it was taken out for the pipe. Motion died.

Commissioner Byrd said Richfield is on the DOT list for municipality sidewalks.

Commissioner Byrd stated that ACE has only canvassed for nuisance and minimum housing violations so far, no zoning.

Commissioner Heglar stated that the Town is late every year submitting our yearly audit. It needs to be done by 12/31.

Commissioner NeCaise stated that the backhoe cut a Union Power line when work was being done on the pipe at Summer Street and Union Power is asking for the Town to pay for it.

**Motion 112-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned for the Town to pay Union Power

Commissioner Heglar seconded.

Commissioner Almond opened for discussion by asking why we had to pay. Commissioner NeCaise said the timeline had expired from when they marked the line so we had to.

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner NeCaise said there was money in the budget for Banners/Beautification. She said there is a Santa sleigh and reindeer at Lowes for \$1000-\$1200.

Commissioner NeCaise said that the power on the poles at Bojangles got moved so we can't put Christmas lights there. Commissioner Byrd asked if we could ask Duke Power to put the power back.

**Motion 113-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to spend the money to purchase the Santa sleigh and reindeer at Lowes.

Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Formal Request – Citizens**

Statement to meet in private and in a closed session. The citizens were told in writing that the meeting could be closed and want to postpone until it can be held privately.

**Motion 114-25**

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Commissioner Almond seconded. Motion carried.

*Shawn Blount*

Mayor

*Carolyn Cappo*

Clerk

Date: *12/15/2025*

