MINUTES OF THE RICHFIELD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: February 23, 2026
Location: Richfield Town Hall
Time: 5:00 PM Closed Executive session, 5:30 Public Hearing, 6:00 PM Board of Commissioners Meeting

ATTENDANCE

Members Present:

- Commissioner Kevin Almond
- Commissioner Barry Byrd
- Commissioner Christy NeCaise
- Commissioner Cynthia Heglar

Absent: Commissioner Mike Beaver

Visitors Present: Jeff Balfrey, Gale Kirk, Tyler Gordon, Victoria Greene, Robert Greene, CJ Crisco, AJ & Leslie Davis, Jarrett Lowder, Tony Misenheimer, Jim Misemheimer, Martha Cranford, Lynn Galloway, Jennifer Lehn, Gary Weart, John Risley, Mark Butler

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Byrd called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm

Motion 12-26 – Closed Executive Session – NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) to consult with town attorney

Commissioner Heglar motioned to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143.318.11(a)(3) to consult with the Town Attorney. Commissioner Almond seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 13-26

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to adjourn the closed session. Commissioner Almond seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Byrd opened the Public Hearing at 5:30. Tyler Gordon presented the topics from the planning board. Mr. Gordon stated that the changes to RA would not be considered due to new information and continued to go through each edit the planning board brought to the board for consideration.

Public comments: Gale Kirk asked about page 23 section 6 "must utilize public water" to which Mr. Gordon clarified that this only referred to the subdivision ordinance, not the ETJ.

Motion 14-26

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Byrd opened the regular board meeting at 6:00 pm.

Motion 15-26: Adopt Agenda

Commissioners would like to amend to add a vote on the public hearing.

Commissioner Heglar motioned to approve the agenda with this addition. Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Formal Request:

CJ Crisco: Mr. Crisco addressed the board and gave his intent to run for Mayor in November. He stated he would like the opportunity to lead this municipality if the board allows.

Commissioners discuss the vacant Mayor position. Attorney Scarbrough advises that if the board would like to swear in a new mayor it should be done at the beginning of a meeting.

Motion 15-26

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to fill the Mayor position at the next board meeting. Commissioner Byrd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Attorney Scarbrough suggested all nominations be brought to the next meeting, at the beginning of the meeting.

Motion 16-26

Commissioner Byrd motioned to allow anyone that's interested in the Mayor position to put it in writing to the Town Board before the next meeting. Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Jennifer Lehn: Mrs. Lehn told the Board she looked into code enforcement for Red Cross, New London and Misenheimer and they use the Stanly County Code enforcement department. She spoke about the need to fill the Board of Adjustments. She stated the Board should look into the option of relinquishing the ETJ to Stanly County.

Public Comments:

Jim Misenheimer: Spoke on stagnation. Mr. Misenheimer also spoke on zoning/Alliance Code Enforcement; he spoke on Police and how he believes the town has less protection now; he spoke on how he believes one board member calls the shots and others rubberstamp. Mr. Misenheimer said there needs to be 5 active board members and a mayor.

CJ Crisco was allowed to comment. Mr. Crisco commented on police coverage and said that if there is only one plan that can get us coverage today that we should do that now.

Motion 17-26: Approve minutes from February 5, 2026

Commissioner Heglar motioned to approve the minutes from February 5, 2026. Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion 18-26: Approve January 2026 Financials

Commissioner Heglar motioned to approve financials from January 2026. Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

New Business:

Motion 19-26

Commissioner Heglar motioned to approve the changes presented by the planning board but not the change to article 3.6. Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Old Business:

Town Accountant interview: Jason Cade will call in. He is $570.00/month

Stanly County Sheriff's Office

Motion 20-26

Commissioner Almond motioned to amend current contract with SCSO for $40,000 for 6 hours 30 days a month 6p-12a until supplemental coverage from now through June 30, 2026.

Commissioner NeCaise proposed an annual contract.

Commissioner Almond confirmed his motion was for 4 months for the current fiscal year. Commissioner NeCaise seconded the motion. Commissioner Byrd opened up for discussion with Commissioner Almond's motion and NeCaise second.

Sherriff Jeff Crisco explained in discussion that County Commissioners would need to approve and revise agreement. Commissioner Byrd requested that attorney review the contract that Sherriff Jeff Crisco brought to the meeting. Commissioner Byrd questioned contract details being presented at this meeting. Commissioner Almond confirmed he didn't know as he has not seen a contract.

Commissioner Almond amended his previous motion to amend the current contract with SCSO for $40,000 for 6 hours 30 days a month 6p-12a with supplemental coverage from now to March 2027 to mirror the contract presented at the meeting to the board. Commissioner Byrd questioned amount for next year and it would need to be budgeted. Commissioner Byrd said the contract would need to go FY to FY. Commissioner Heglar confirmed that is the best option to stay within the same FY. Commissioner Byrd said we have never budgeted Mar to Mar in between two-year budget periods. Commissioner Almond asked the Town Administrator what was best way to go. Carolyn Capps confirmed that she recommends to the board to go with the supplemental contract and confirmed we have it in the current FY budget. Commissioner Heglar felt better about going now until June 2027. Commissioner Almond confirmed with Commissioner Hegler that she was recommending we go from 4 months on the motion to 16 months. Commissioner Byrd stated that the proposed contract presented in tonight's meeting stated $124,800 until March 2027 and that was not budgeted. Almond stated we have $138,000 remaining in the current FY budget. Commissioner Byrd confirmed that it defeats the purpose to go into next FY based on history. Commissioner NeCaise retracted previous motions.

Commissioner Almond amended his motion again back to his original motion (any and all others retracted) to amend the current contract with SCSO for $40,000 for 6 hours 30 days a month 6p-12a with supplemental coverage from now through June 30, 2026 (4 month's). Commissioner NeCaise seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff Crisco took the written motion from Commissioner Almond to review with County Commissioners to get approval and contract to review by the next meeting.

Alliance Code Enforcement (tabled from previous meeting):

Motion 21-26

Commissioner Byrd motioned to allow Alliance Code Enforcement (ACE) to go into the ETJ for zoning on a complaint driven basis.

Discussion was had with Attorney Scarbrough and Attorney Scarbrough advised that the ordinance has to be enforced equally (inside town limits and the ETJ). Commissioner Byrd asks the board how they would like to handle written complaints as they get them?

Motion dies.

Department Reports:

Commissioner Almond (Streets): the board discussed the Circle K easement request.

Motion 22-26

Commissioner Almond motioned to allow Circle k to use the street as requested. Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Almond confirmed that we have money in the Powell current FY 25-26 budget to put on the website a new paving project bid to widen the entrance into the park. Commissioner Almond confirmed that Carolyn would take care of getting onto the website.

Commissioner Heglar (Finance): nothing to report

Commissioner NeCaise (Parks & Rec): Board reviewed three quotes to supply fish at the park pond. Commissioner NeCaise stated that next year they will purchase larger fish.

Motion 23-26

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to approve the quote from Carolina Fishing Hatchery. Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner NeCaise updated the board on NS Dixie Youth and would like to increase their fee to $2500.00 on a yearly contract basis. Commissioner Byrd said he would like to see them allow kids in town limits pay a reduced fee.

Motion 24-26

Commissioner NeCaise motioned to approve the fee increase to $2500.00 to North Stanly Dixie Youth. Commissioner Byrd seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Byrd (Zoning): Thanked the planning board for the work they've done on the subdivision ordinance.

Commissioner NeCaise mentioned to the board that Tar Heel Academy needs volunteer hours. They volunteered to help at the Park.

Motion 25-26: Motion to Adjourn

Commissioner Almond motioned to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Heglar seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Pro Tem

Carolyn Capps

Clerk

Date: 3-23-2026

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