

August 11, 2025

Town Hall Meeting

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm. Mayor Larry W. Adams was present along with the following Commissioners: Dawn Hobson, Neal Nichols, Earl Norman, Martin Hauser, and Kurt Held.
2. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the July 14, 2025 minutes as written. Commissioner Hobson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the August 6, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes as written. Commissioner Hobson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
4. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the August 6, 2025 Closed Session minutes as written. Commissioner Hobson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
5. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jan Hicks reminded everyone that the last Karaoke Night with Darrell Carter, Big Daddy D, will be Friday Night August 22, 2025. Tino's food truck will be selling food and Dirty Sodas is scheduled to come back. Next event will be a movie night on Oct 10<sup>th</sup> and then the Pumpkin Contest will be toward the end of October. She also mentioned the Library Yard Sale will be September 11<sup>th</sup> through the 13<sup>th</sup>. All proceeds go to the East Bend Public Library. Ben Peacock said that plans for Small Town Christmas are underway. Due to staffing issues, the event is moving to December 6, 2025. He also mentioned the Voter registration repair project is trying to go through records to complete all information. He will put information on the town website to help citizens complete their information. Ronnie Fletcher reported that East Bend does not have a West Main Street on Google Maps.
6. Commissioner Held brought up the Daniel Boone Marker. He would like to move it to the park side and redo it to preserve it for the Town. He will get quotes and bring them back to the board.
7. Commissioner Nichols has contacted Hennings Construction about clearing the land around the Sewer Plant. The trees are overgrown and affect the performance of the sewer plant. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to go ahead with Hennings Construction to do the clearing. Commissioner Held Seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
8. Chief Shore stated that Officer Armstrong is ready to start in the schools next week. All has been quiet in the Town.
9. Chief Shore and Attorney Epley presented a document that states the guidelines for the SRO Officer. The SRO contract from the County was presented to the board to adopt. The county is waiting on a Grant for the SRO position. This will need to be redone every two years. Commissioner Norman made a motion to adopt the memorandum of understanding from the county. Commissioner Held Seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

10. Chief Shore stated that the computer mounts in the police cars do not fit the new computers. Two vehicles need the mounts which are between \$1,000 and \$1,300. Commissioner Nichols requested a quote from the company. This item was tabled until the next meeting.
11. Chief Shore reported that the Camera's at the Park are having some issues. The company that originally installed the Camera's are coming to replace two and fix any other issues that they find. He will keep the board updated on the progress.
12. Attorney Epley gave an update on the status of the Water Litigation Issue. He stated that Attorney Fitzgerald has filed a motion for summary judgement. That hearing is scheduled for September 22, 2025 to be heard in Wilkes County. A motion for summary judgement is a legal document filed when there is no issue of fact in the case. The towns position is that there is a contract in place and we are asking the court to determine the validity of the contract. The county has sent a 48 month termination notice in accordance with the contract. This is a formality if the contract is found to be valid. Attorney Epley will continue to update the board on the progress of the case.
13. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel, land, and legal issues. Commissioner Hobson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
14. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to go out of closed session. Commissioner Hauser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
15. After returning from closed session, Attorney Epley stated the following as motions: the board first needs to make a motion to approve personnel decisions made in closed session, Commissioner Hauser made the motion. Commissioner Norman seconded. Motion carried 5-0. Second the board needs to make a motion concerning the purchase of real property discussed in closed session. Commissioner Held made the motion. Commissioner Hauser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
16. Commissioner Nichols made a motion to approve the bills and any that come in prior to the next meeting. Commissioner Hobson seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
17. Commissioner Held made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hauser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
18. Clerk Miller informed Attorney Epley that another motion needed to be made for a Budget Amendment.
19. Commissioner Held made a motion to come back into session. Commissioner Hauser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
20. Commissioner Held made a motion to suspend the rules. Commissioner Hauser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

21. Attorney Epley stated that now that the rules were suspended we need a motion to approve a Budget Amendment to increase budget to purchase real property using fund balance to cover cost of the purchase. Commissioner Held made the motion. Commissioner Hauser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.
22. Commissioner Held made a motion that we adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Hauser seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

9-8-2025

Date

Larry W. Adams

Larry W. Adams, Mayor

Bettina Miller

Bettina Miller, Town Clerk/Administrator