

**Special Meeting  
Town of Preston  
November 16, 2009**

The special meeting was called to order by Commissioner Bill Willis at 12:30 p.m. Also present were Commissioner Gary Waltemeyer and Commissioner Shane Dickinson and Mimi Willis.

Attendance: Harold Moxley, Bob Lorenz, Kathleen Barry, Nelson Anderson, Valerie Brey, Attorney Walter Palmer, Danny Divilio from the Times-Record and Chief Marcus Trise.

Commissioners Waltemeyer and Dickinson were sworn in prior to the meeting by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline County.

Bill asked Mr. Waltemeyer if he wanted to be President and he said o.k. Shane then made a motion to make Mr. Waltemeyer President of the Commission, Mr. Waltemeyer seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously. Mr. Waltemeyer then made a motion to make Commissioner Willis Vice-President of the Commission, seconded by Shane and unanimously carried.

Mr. Waltemeyer then said he thought this was an orientation meeting, not a regular business meeting, and he didn't think having it at 12:30 in the afternoon was a good idea.

- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

**Unfinished Business:**

Bill mentioned the Resolution from a previous meeting and said he believed a building committee needs to be set up immediately. Mr. Waltemeyer said he does not think we need an architect to design the inside of the new town building. Bob Lorenz brought everyone up to date on the building drawings. Bill said we already hired an architect and she included the interior on her drawings. Mr. Waltemeyer made a motion to read the resolution. Bob Lorenz then said we don't have to hire a general contractor; just hire a project manager, and he is still in favor of a building committee. Bill Willis made a motion to get a building committee together consisting of 3 members, including Bob Lorenz as chairman, seconded by Mr. Waltemeyer, unanimously carried.

Mr. Waltemeyer wants to see the State law regarding whether or not we need an architectural drawing for the bathroom before he will vote on it. Bill said it will have no heat, will have running water, maybe a "green" compost toilet, and a skylight. Mr. Waltemeyer suggested it be discussed at the next work session. He then discussed the school crossing guard and suggested remote arms be installed since it is tying up two police officers. Bill gave the background of the State Highway Administration and crossing guard and suggested we could request S.H.A. to put pedestrian cross light on Maple and Main. Mr. Moxley suggested we send a bill to the Board of Education for the cost of our 2 police officers acting as crossing guards (\$16,000.00 a year). Mr. Waltemeyer said he will get with Mr. Lindsey of S.H.A. Kathleen suggested an internet search to determine how many other schools have a state highway for school crossing. Mr. Waltemeyer suggested continuing this at the next work session.

He then asked Mimi about grants for solar energy. She said she has been talking to a company that handles solar energy from hot water heat and we have a \$5,000. grant for research and by 2012 the State said we must reduce our energy use by 15%. Mimi to get more information for work session

The Commissioners reviewed the bills to be ratified and Shane made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Waltemeyer.

Mr. Waltemeyer said Planning and Zoning still needs at least 2 new members and an alternative and that will be worked on.

Mimi said the Chamber of Commerce said every town in Caroline County except the Town of Preston is a member. Mr. Waltemeyer said it will be discussed at the work session.

He then suggested Planning and Zoning needs to put out bids for someone to write the water and sewer element for the Comprehensive Plan. It was due October 1<sup>st</sup> and an extension was received to April 1,

2010. Valerie Brey said someone needs to be hired to prepare it. Bill Willis made a motion to put bids out to get someone to prepare the water/sewer plan, seconded by Shane, unanimously approved. Mimi went to the bank to determine what is required to accept debit cards and credit cards for payments. She said it is much more expensive than she thought. Bill suggested it should be made known that anyone using debit or credit cards would have to pay more to cover the cost. To be discussed at next work session. Mr. Waltemeyer said a straw vote last April was in favor of 5 commissioners. Bill Willis said he is in favor of it. To be discussed at the next work session. There will be a joint meeting with C.O.G. and municipalities on 11/18/09 at 6:30 p.m. at the Denton Library. Bill Willis congratulated the two new Commissioners and said he looks forward to working with them. **Meeting was adjourned** at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Johnson