



**Town of Autryville**  
**Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**  
**Autryville Town Hall**

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Commissioners Present:  
Commissioner Tyndall  
Commissioner Spell  
Commissioner Baker  
Mayor Spell  
Commissioner Honeycutt  
Mayor Pro Tem Baxley

Staff Present:  
Lisa Jones, Town Clerk  
  
Commissioners Absent:

**1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION**

Mayor Pro Tem Baxley opened the regular board meeting at 7:29 pm. Mayor Spell led the pledge of allegiance and Commissioner Honeycutt said the prayer.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*This portion of the meeting is an opportunity for citizens to speak on any issue concerning the Town of Autryville. A total time limit of 15 minutes will be allotted for this portion of the meeting. Each speaker will have a maximum 3 minutes. The first five residents who sign up with the Town Clerk will have an opportunity to address the Board of Commissioners.*

There were no public comments.

**3. ADJUSTMENTS/ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

- a. Adjustments to the Agenda
- b. Adoption of the Agenda

ACTION: Adoption of the Agenda  
Motion: Mayor Pro Temp Baxley  
Second: Commissioner Tyndall  
Vote: Unanimous

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Approve December 9 2025 Regular Meeting Draft Minutes

ACTION: Adoption of the Consent Agenda  
Motion: Commissioner Spell  
Second: Mayor Pro Temp Baxley  
Vote: Unanimous

**5. PUBLIC HEARING**

- a. Public Hearing on Annexation 2025-02

Mayor Spell opened the public hearing at 7:31pm. Property is owned by Bunce Carroll Investments and located at Horseshoe Rd and Hwy 24. It is approximately 11.5 acres.



Commissioner Honeycutt expressed concern about what services are provided to the new residents of the annexed land, since the annexed land will have a new neighborhood. The new residents will not have connection to the town's water utility.

Mayor Spell explained that there have been no complaints from previously annexed residents. It also provided taxpayer money needed to support town services without increasing taxes.

Commissioner Honeycutt explained that, while the builders are satisfied that the neighborhood will not have water utility, the new residents could possibly have concerns if their well water dries up.

Mayor Spell directed the Town Clerk to ask the Town Attorney to provide clarification about future water demands from residents.

Mayor Spell closed the public hearing at 7:38pm.

- ACTION:** Approve Ordinance 2026-01  
**Motion:** Commissioner Spell  
**Second:** Commissioner Tyndall  
**Vote:** Mayor Pro Tem Baxley, Commissioner Spell, Commissioner Tyndall, and Commissioner Baker voted yes. Commissioner Honeycutt voted no. Motion passes.

## 6. FINANCIAL REPORT

a. Budget vs. Actual Statements

The general and water fund budget is provided to the board.

b. Credit Card Charges

Credit card statements were provided from Town Clerk Jones, Public Works Director Bullard, and Mayor Pro Temp Baxley.

c. Water Department Usage and Savings

No updates

## 7. GRANT REPORT

a. Autryville Stormwater Improvement

Barnhill Construction will continue working on Monday, January 26, after the holiday break. Mayor Spell explained to the board that state is behind on payments to the contractor and it is being worked on by the Town Clerk and staff.

b. Minnie Hall Road Water Line Extension

No updates

c. NCORR Grant for Local Government Services

No updates

## 8. STREET DEVELOPMENT & MAINTENANCE

a. W Old Stage Rd Stormwater Improvements

No updates



## 9. HOUSING & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- a. Horseshoe Road New Houses

No updates

## 10. PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

- a. Development and Construction

No updates

## 11. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Park Exercise Equipment  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

No updates

- b. Micajah Autry Foot Stone Donation  
Presenter: Mayor Pro Tem Baxley

Mayor Pro Temp Baxley has determined the location of the Foot Stone. Since concrete will need to be poured, the stone will be placed in warm weather, perhaps in April.

- c. Downtown Parking Lot Resurfacing  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

No updates

- d. Christmas in Autryville  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Mayor Spell thanked Mayor Pro Tem Baxley for her work to host a Christmas event at Town Hall. She said every child that attended received a gift. Extra gifts were donated to Sampson County Social Services.

- e. Water Tower Repairs  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Sampson County is investing install valves at their valve box, which will save money for both the county and town. Work is ongoing.

## 12. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Autryville Easter Bash  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Mayor Spell has scheduled the annual Autryville Easter Bash for Saturday, March 28, which is the Saturday before Palm Sunday. Plans are currently being made to make the event even bigger than last year.

## 11. ADJOURNMENT

- b. Closing Comments

Kim Baker will not be at next meeting as she will be out of the country.

Commissioner Spell thanked Chris and Connor Bullard for their work when the town lost water. Work was immediately done and workers worked hard.



- b. Oath of Office for Mayor Pro Tem Debra Baxley
  - a. Mayor Pro Tem Baxley was sworn in for another four year term.
- c. Oath of Office for Commissioner Denise Tyndall
  - a. Commissioner Tyndall was sworn in for another four year term.

**6. MAYOR STATE OF THE TOWN**

- a. State of the Town 2025  
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Mayor Spell expressed thankfulness to the commissioners and the progress we have made as a town. The commissioners returned his sentiments.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

- a. Closing Comments
- b. Adjourn the Meeting at 7:19 pm.

ACTION: Adjourn the Meeting  
Motion: Commissioner Spell  
Second: Commissioner Honeycutt  
Vote: Unanimous

Duly adopted this the 9th of January, 2026 while in regular session.

Grayson Spell  
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Jones  
Town Clerk

