



Town of Autryville
Special Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 30, 2026
Autryville Town Hall

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

Staff Present:
Lisa Jones, Town Clerk

Commissioners Absent:

1. CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / INVOCATION

Mayor Spell opened the regular board meeting at 7:30 pm. Commissioner 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.

Mildred Hatcher, a citizen of Autryville, spoke to the board about her concerns regarding safety, especially in regard to the elderly who live alone. She reported that strangers had been seen on her property. She inquired if it was possible to hire a sheriff's deputy to patrol the area. The mayor thanked her for speaking to the board and asked them to consider her request while discussing the budget this meeting. Commissioner Honeycutt stated that this issue should be brought up with Sheriff Thornton.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

a. Adoption of the Agenda

ACTION: Adoption of the Agenda
Motion: Commissioner Spell
Second: Commissioner Tyndall
Vote: Unanimous

4. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approve June 30 2026 Special Meeting Draft Minutes

Mayor Spell removed Adopt Resolution Authorizing Sampson County to Levy and Collect Property Taxes #2026-04 from the Consent Agenda and moved it to Old Business.

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

5. PUBLIC HEARING

a. FY2026-2027 Budget Ordinance



Mayor Spell opened up the floor for public comment on 8:00pm. Nobody wished to speak. The public hearing was closed on 8:01pm.

The board discussed FY2027 budget changes. The major changes proposed:

- Increased Vehicle tax revenue by \$11,400
- Increased Property/Personal tax revenue by \$11,517
- Increased Interfund Transfer by \$978
- Increased Payroll by \$3/hour
- Increased Town Insurance by \$1,900
- Increased Utilities by \$5,000 due to Duke Energy costs
- Increased Admin Expenses by \$500
- Increased Capitol Outlay by \$11,425
- Increased Professional Services by \$10,000
- Increased County Tax Fees due to increase in tax revenue
- Decreased Maintenance Expenses by \$500
- Decreased Equipment Purchases by \$15,000 due to purchase of RTV
- Increased Fuel costs by \$1,000 due to gas prices
- Increased Building costs by \$10,000
- Decreased Maintenance Misc to \$1,000

The commissioners debated increasing payroll for the three town employees by \$3/hour. It was decided to increase Chris Bullard's hourly wage by \$5, Lisa Jones' by \$3, and Connor Bullard's by \$2, according to longevity. The mayor instructed the town clerk to investigate how other municipalities handle employee raises in order to set a schedule for the board to approve.

ACTION: Approve Payroll Increase
Motion: Commissioner Spell
Second: Commissioner Tyndall
Vote: Unanimous
ACTION: Adoption of Ordinance #2026-03
Motion: Commissioner Honeycutt
Second: Commissioner Baker
Vote: Unanimous

6. PUBLIC HEARING

a. Budget vs. Actual Statements

The general and water fund budget is provided to the board. The board was presented a budget amendment for FY2026 to balance budget.

ACTION: Adoption of Ordinance #2026-4
Motion: Commissioner Tyndall



Second: Commissioner Baker

Vote: Unanimous

b. Credit Card Charges

Credit card statements were provided from Town Clerk Jones and Public Works Director Bullard.

c. Water Department Usage and Savings

No updates

d. Audit Update

The town has signed an engagement letter with Beverly Stroud for FY2024. The town clerk updated the board on a timeline for completion.

ACTION: Approve Audit Contract

Motion: Commissioner Tyndall

Second: Commissioner Spell

Vote: Unanimous

7. GRANT REPORT

a. Autryville Stormwater Improvement

No updates

b. Minnie Hall Road Water Line Extension

No updates

c. NCORR Grant for Local Government Services

No updates

8. HOUSING & COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT

a. Horseshoe Road New Houses

No updates

9. PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

a. Development and Construction

No updates

10. OLD BUSINESS

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

No updates

b. Downtown Parking Lot Resurfacing
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Remove from agenda

c. Water Tower Repairs
Presenter: Mayor Spell

The county agreed to waive the \$3,000 invoice due to excessive water charges by the county.



- d. Adopt Resolution Authorizing Sampson County to Levy and Collect Property Taxes #2026-04
Presenter: Mayor Spell

Mayor Spell informed the board that the town employees had worked together to move the collection rate from 93% to 99%. Town Clerk Jones was asked her opinion and said she would like to keep the taxes with the county this year and move it in house this year. Commissioner Honeycutt asked how much the county charges; the town clerk said it is 3%.

ACTION: Adopt Resolution #2026-04
Motion: Commissioner Spell
Second: Commissioner Tyndall
Vote: Unanimous

11. ADJOURNMENT

- a. Closing Comments
b. Adjourn the Meeting at 8:42 pm.

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

Duly adopted this the 21st of July, 2026 while in regular session.

Grayson Spell
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Jones
Town Clerk

