



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025 – 1:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met for a Special Meeting on Tuesday, February 27, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Public Assembly. Present were Mayor Pro Tem Tom Myers; Commissioners Tracey Thomas and Rick Paarfus; Interim Town Manager Christy Ferguson; Town Clerk Heather Finnell; and Town Attorney Sydney Moore. Mayor J. Alan Holden; and Commissioners Rick Smith and Page Dyer were unable to attend the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Myers called the meeting to order.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sylvia Pate explained she was disappointed to see only three commissioners at the meeting. She suggested seeking mediation for the lawsuit.

Gina Martin is concerned there are only three commissioners in attendance and suggested meeting later in the day in the future.

Keith Smith talked about the response time and content of a public request he made. He talked about the need for information to be public.

Town Clerk Finnell read statements from Commissioners Smith and Dyer (hereby incorporated into the minutes). Commissioner Paarfus said he didn't receive a request for availability or information on the subject matter either. He said the item needs to be addressed in a timely manner so he made himself available.

**CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE 143-318.11(A)(3),
CONSULT WITH THE ATTORNEY**

Town Clerk Finnell read the reason for Closed Session. Attorney Moore added it is for Lisa Ragland versus the Town of Holden Beach, 25CV001201-090.

Motion to go into Closed Session by Commissioner Thomas at 1:11 p.m.; second by Mayor Pro Tem Myers; approved by unanimous vote.

OPEN SESSION

The Board went back into Open Session at 2:29 p.m. Mayor Pro Tem Myers announced that the Board gave instructions to our attorney on how to move forward with the pending litigation.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 2:29 p.m. by Commissioner Thomas; second by Mayor Pro Tem Myers; approved by unanimous vote.

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk