

**Minutes of the Meeting of
The Town Board of Commissioners
Town of Hamilton, NC
March 5, 2026**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Hamilton met in a regular meeting on Thursday March 5th, 2026, at 07:05 p.m. at the Town Hall, 109 North Front Street Hamilton NC 27840

PRESENT **Mayor:** Ervin Williams.

Commissioners: William Freeman, Tamika Council, Michael Pickle, Larry Jackson

Town Clerk & Finance Officer: Allison Roebuck

ABSENT: Brandon Raynor

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Williams; The prayer was given by Commissioner Jackson. The pledge was recited by all.

Approval of the agenda or Adjustments to agenda

Motion to approve agenda with adjustments to new business NorthEastern Hazard plan was made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. The motion unanimously carried 4-0.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the February monthly board meeting made by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Jackson. Motion Carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Patricia Moring stated around town we have five different people at five different locations throughout the town that have chickens. We currently have an ordinance in place that protects our town that states that we cannot allow residents to have chickens within city limits. Mayor Williams states someone came into office today to inform new residents at locations that have chickens at their locations, and he has contacted Josh to clarify what guidelines they have and possibly rewording our outdated ordinances to within the correct guidelines.

Megan requested to change the policy or ordinances boarding all farm communities and farm around all town limits. As long as the chickens are not free in our area, we should be

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allowed to hear the public come out and talk about the chickens and the ordinances. Requesting to consider having a public hearing to at least hear the community out.

REPORTS

Commissioner Jackson at the end of this month will be attending an ICSC to try to bring business to town.

Commissioner Pickle has nothing to report. On behalf of Commissioner Raynor he is requesting the purchase of the bingo equipment and prizes. We will need to order the cards, supplies and prizes. Clerk Allison will check the prices and into the prizes and get back to the board.

Commissioner Council she opened the gym on Sunday last month and all ages came out. She is requesting she needs two or three basketballs, a grip mat, and a door mat. The gym will be open again this Sunday from 1-4 every second and fourth Sunday throughout the remainder of the year.

Commissioner Freeman requests to go back to the ordinances review in reference to dogs and breeding of dogs in our town. Two or three of these dogs are on a chain and they are breeding dogs at this location. Our current policy states that you can't own or breed dogs in our ordinance. Mayor Williams will contact and reach out to Drew and they will contact animal control.

Mayor suggested calling animal control and Commissioner Freeman states that an animal control will say they are complying when in fact they are not in compliance. Our ordinance states three dogs not ten dogs. We currently follow the Martin County ordinance and have applied this to our town.

Commissioner Freeman requested Mike O'Neal the owner of the location, the current resident at the location as well about the concern.

The well house was converted into a break room to eliminate Porta john. One guy came out to quote on the work but never followed back up after viewing the location. Mayor Williams asked Mike and Freeman to check with Tim and Tommy Taylor. Convert an area at the maintenance shop to a bathroom. A breakroom is not really needed at the location however the bathroom would be a good idea. Commissioner Freeman states that if we have a breakroom the guys wouldn't have to go home on their breaks, they really don't have time to go home on their 15-minute breaks.

Quotes when requested should include a breakroom, add bathroom, and put in an eye washing station at location.

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Resident Megan states that we could even use a locker room at the location to change clothes and leave them there at the location for the guys to come pick up their uniforms. Morris Lynch Center in the back area 1x6 boards are needed to repair the area that has fallen in.

Mayor Williams states he will also be attending the upcoming ICSC informational courses on March 30-31st to help bring business into smaller towns that will be two days.

Commissioner Jackson will pay for his hotel room.

Motion to request the ICSC in the amount of \$600 to attend, Mayor Williams will have expenses covered. will include registration, membership, food and transportation made by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Freeman. Motion carried 4-0.

UPDATE REGARDING SOLAR PANELS

Solar panel - Commissioner Freeman - states that we have a company that delivers electricity to the town. We are here to provide services, but we are not here to take from the town to benefit the customer. The customer will be responsible for paying for the meter at the location. Commissioner Pickle states that the town will have to provide a meter to the location since it is required. The resident will be given a credit of six cents.

Motion to approve solar panel policy by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 3-1.

Post property on West Main Street to go out in next week paper four weeks straight and locate the property and sell the location post property.

Mayor Williams asked the board's pleasure to the Revolution Adopting NorthEastern NC Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan as presented.

Motion to approve the Resolution for the Hazard Mitigation plan by Commissioner Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Williams states he has been notified that we have been approved to dig our well and the letter of intent will soon be presented in the amount of \$2.1 million.

Report on sign recently approved for a grant - we have not received the signage at this time but its coming and we will now need quotes to remove the tree in front the Morris Lynch Center. We will need quotes for the removal of the pine trees at the location to place the signage. Mike Pickle states that it would look a lot better if we could remove the trees and leave the bushes at the location to be cleared and place an 8-foot cement wall at the location for the LED sign. Mike Bennett could paint writing on the dugout at the ballpark or the town could get some quotes to rewrite the words on the concessions stand. Mayor Williams asks the Commissioner Council

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about a possible fast pitch softball team to come out to the location like they used to host a softball game. We need to get the field ready.

Allen Peaks from Williamston Parks and Recs will be contacted for the plastic covering over the fence at the ballpark.

We also need someone to lay some cement blocks at the location to lay the foundation for the new signage, the trees will need to be removed before they place the foundation.

The Veterans area has now gotten someone to keep up the grounds once their new zero turn comes in.

Rosenwald school has a grant to renovate the location and \$400,000 for walking trails throughout the woods. They will start with temporary services at the location while they start working at the location.

COMMENT BOX REVIEW

Clerk Roebuck opened the comment box and no comment or suggestions in the box at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

FINANCIALS/BUDGET AMENDMENTS

Motion to approve the financials as presented by Commissioner Freeman, seconded by Commissioner Council. Motion carried 4-0.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mayor Williams entertained a motion to adjourn if there is no other business to cover at this time.

Motion to adjourn made by Commissioner Council, seconded by Commissioner Pickle. Motion carried 4-0.

Submitted By:

Approved By:

Allison Roebuck, Town Clerk & Finance Officer

Ervin Williams, Mayor