

**Town of Swansboro**  
**Board of Commissioners Special Meeting**  
**January 8, 2024**

In attendance: Mayor John Davis, Mayor Pro Tem William Justice, Commissioner Larry Philpott, Commissioner Jeffrey Conaway, Commissioner Douglas Eckendorf, and Commissioner Joseph Brown

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**Call to Order/Opening Prayer/Pledge**

The special meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm and Mayor Davis led the Pledge of Allegiance. The purpose of the meeting was to enter Closed Session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) to establish, or to instruct the public body’s staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract, and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

**Closed Session**

On a motion by Commissioner Conaway, seconded by Commissioner Philpott the board entered closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (5) to establish, or to instruct the public body’s staff or negotiating agents concerning the position to be taken by or on behalf of the public body in negotiating the amount of compensation and other material terms of an employment contract or proposed employment contract, and NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

Pursuant to a motion duly made and seconded in closed session the board returned to open session.

Upon re-entering open session Mayor Davis announced that that the board had reached an agreement to entered into a contract for an Interim Town Attorney with the Cauley Pridgen Law firm. Commissioner Conaway moved to hire and approve the contract for the Cauley Pridgen Law firm as Interim Town Attorney, seconded by Commissioner Philpott. All were in favor.

**Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Phillpott, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the meeting adjourned at 6:24 pm.