

Town of Sylva
CONSENT AGENDA
June 11, 2026

1-APPROVE MINUTES: May 14, 2026, **Regular Board Meeting;** May 28, 2026
Regular Board Meeting; May 28, 2026, **Public Hearing**

2- BUDGET AMENDMENT:

#42 19-336-0200 FD State Property	\$ 2,320 C
19-530-9100 FD Transfer to CRF	2,320 D
20-392-0000 FD Capital Reserve Fund Trans In	2,320 C
20-410-0600 FD Capital Reserve Fund Contribution	2,320 D

REF: To transfer Fire Department State Property unspent revenue into the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund.

#43 10-690-9800 Separation Allowance	\$ 42,979 C
10-510-0400 PD Separation Allowance	39,925 D
10-510-0500 PD FICA	3,054 D

REF: EOY accounting entry to reclass the budget from separation allowance expense into the Police Department budget.

3- REPORTS:

- 1- No Business Registration Permits as of **May 31, 2026**
- 2- Ad Valorem Tax Report as of **April 30, 2026**
- 3- Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, Changes in Fund Balance as of **April 30, 2026**

4- OTHER:

The following personal property was declared surplus by (R2026-08) and sold by public auction GovDeals, May 28, 2026:

CA# N/A Small Engine /Equipment Lot: 3 Stihl BR600 Blowers Serial # 290861170, 290861166, 296186044; Stihl BR700 Blower Serial #511044238; Stihl MS171 Chainsaw Serial # N/A; Stihl BG56 Blower Serial #511800557; Stihl FS131R Weed Eater Serial #534912433. ~ Sold for **\$420.00.**

CA# N/A 2007 Ford Escape: Vin#1FMYU92Z47KB51098 ~ Sold for **\$1,875**

CA# 0367 1987 Spartan Fire Pumper Truck: Vin#1S9AT6L03HC185267 ~ Pending payment of **\$3,000.**

CA# 0410 ODB Leaf Vacuum: Model SCL800TM20 ~ Sold for **\$3,105.**

CA# 0499 2001 International 4700 Water Truck with Water Tanker CA#0438: Vin#1HTSCABL31H387582 ~ Sold for **\$6,701**

CA# 0707 2004 Freightliner Garbage Truck: Vin#1FVABSAK74HM35569 ~ Sold for **\$27,800.**

CA# 0797 1994 GMC Topkick Dump Truck: 1GDJ7H1JORJ510423 ~ Sold for **\$4,650.**

CA# 0808 2015 Wright Sport X Mower: Serial # WSPX52FX730E ~ Sold for **\$2,410.**

Business Registration Permit Application

May 2026

<u>Date Submitted</u>	<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Owner</u>
5/27/26	Todd Wikle Graphic Design	509 Mill Street	Todd Wikle

Tax Summary
as of April 30, 2026

(10-301-XX)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	Total	Current Year	TOTALS
Starting Balances	54280.15	27507.36	14404.67	9193.08	8413.67	5331.96	4600.86	4282.07	2411.82	1747.04	132,172.68	\$2,827,207.32	10-281-0000
July	-1709.47		-341.05	-148.53							-2,199.05		-2,199.05
August	-141.85	-95.83	-92.62	-198.14							-528.44		-528.44
September	-8071.28	-664.71	-512.45	-376.82	-273.58	-273.58	-275.64	-275.64			-10,723.70	-407,376.28	-418,099.98
October	-2443.33	-545.9	-440.95								-3,430.18	-166,657.75	-170,087.93
November	-1838.84	-1031.6	-239.14								-3,109.58	-487,585.15	-490,694.73
December	-4711.59	-16.48	-93.52	-332.51							-4,821.59	-1,234,210.28	-1,239,031.87
January	-5859.72	-326.64	-648.42	-38.28							-7,167.29	-321,998.29	-329,165.58
February	981.19	-353.23	-210.53	-239.62	-231.46						379.15	-106,120.46	-105,741.31
March	-518.78	-346.12	-327.2	-296.81	-286.7						-1,663.18	-26,425.61	-28,088.79
April	-3890.62	-409.49	-838.67								-5,722.29	-172,100.47	-177,822.76
May											0.00		0.00
June											0.00		0.00
July - June Totals	-28204.29	-3790	-3744.55	-1630.71	-791.74	-273.58	-275.64	-275.64	0	0	-38,986.15	-2,922,474.29	-2,961,460.44
Releases			-47.81								-95.62		-18,889.20
Add to Original Levy											0.00		322,145.08
Under Appeal											0.00		0.00
Bankruptcy											0.00		0.00
Refund/Adj											0.00		0.00
Subtotals	-28,204.29	-3,790.00	-3,792.36	-1,678.52	-791.74	-273.58	-275.64	-275.64	0.00	0.00	-39,081.77	-2,619,218.41	-2,658,300.18
EOY Adjustment													
(10-110-XX) Balance	\$26,075.86	\$23,717.36	\$10,612.31	\$7,514.56	\$7,621.93	\$5,058.38	\$4,325.22	\$4,006.43	\$2,411.82	\$1,747.04	93,090.91	\$207,988.91	\$301,079.82
Interest													
July	106.77		102.56	45.47							254.80		254.80
August	80.31	1.44	51.38	1.86							134.99		134.99
September	678.66	70.72	193.40	114.71	120.83	145.55	168.21	192.93	1.13	1.54	1,687.68	1.54	1,689.22
October	210.66	96.81	17.64								325.11		325.11
November	167.57	190.92	19.86								378.35		378.35
December	482.37	3.09	6.48								491.94		491.94
January	482.09	135.75	148.14	126.17							902.15	2,021.64	2,923.79
February	30.5	49.13	45.85	14.98							140.46	2,920.42	3,060.88
March	127.94	61.29	73.85	94.79	115.51						473.38	989.07	1,462.45
April	572.81	73.63	234.71	119.67	141.18						1,142.00	7,402.77	8,544.77
May													
June													
Interest Collected	\$2,949.68	\$682.78	\$893.87	\$517.65	\$377.52	\$145.55	\$168.21	\$192.93	\$1.13	\$1.54	\$5,930.86	\$13,335.44	\$19,266.30
Submitted by: Amanda Murajda, Tax Collector												Collection Rate	93.3958%

Top 10 Delinquent Accounts (2025 & prior)

Name	Balance 4/30/2026
JTS Transport	\$ 13,790.19
American Sewing Corp	\$ 9,871.64
Kelly Robinson	\$ 7,802.68
Tamara Holland	\$ 7,726.21
Gretta Worley	\$ 7,658.10
Marjorie Herbert Smith	\$ 6,956.46
Mica Ridge Apartments LLC	\$ 6,943.50
Mountain Park Urgent Care	\$ 6,294.69
Joe Wilson	\$ 6,188.15
David George Howell	\$ 6,020.01

General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
4/30/2026

		General Fund				Actual to	Budget	Statement	
		2025-2026	Previously	2025-2026	Current	2025-2026	Percent	Period	Variance
		Budgeted	Reported	YTD Actual	Month	Budget Balance		10	
Revenues:									
Ad valorem taxes	\$	2,713,680	2,894,604.57	3,081,669.81	\$ 187,065.38	\$ (367,989.81)	113.56%	83.33%	30.23%
Other taxes and licenses	\$	2,200	1,565.00	2,530.00	\$ 965.00	\$ (330.00)	115.00%	83.33%	31.67%
Unrestricted intergovernmental	\$	3,136,661	2,184,553.43	2,492,272.10	\$ 307,718.67	\$ 644,388.90	79.46%	83.33%	-3.88% *
Permits and Fees	\$	15,000	12,089.90	14,771.40	\$ 2,681.50	\$ 228.60	98.48%	83.33%	15.14%
Restricted intergovernmental	\$	322,588	181,291.76	286,571.58	\$ 105,279.82	\$ 36,016.42	88.84%	83.33%	5.50%
Investment earnings	\$	133,800	230,959.16	257,025.24	\$ 26,066.08	\$ (123,225.24)	192.10%	83.33%	108.76%
Other revenues	\$	70,117	73,472.44	75,292.98	\$ 1,820.40	\$ (5,175.98)	107.38%	83.33%	24.05%
Total revenues	\$	6,394,046	5,578,536.26	6,210,133.11	631,596.85	\$ 183,912.89	97.12%	83.33%	13.79%
Expenditures:									
General Government	\$	1,116,400	777,931.85	865,305.83	87,373.98	251,094.17	77.51%	83.33%	5.82%
Salaries & Benefits	\$	444,310	341,279.70	348,271.15	34,084.91				
Capital outlay	\$	23,144	19,696.00	19,696.00	-				
All other expenditures	\$	562,767	416,956.15	497,338.68	53,289.07				
Public Safety	\$	4,717,236	2,678,113.54	2,708,386.52	221,601.43	2,008,849.48	57.41%	83.33%	25.92%
Salaries & Benefits	\$	1,901,985	1,339,056.77	1,501,634.64	133,716.49				
Capital outlay	\$	1,299,126	149,295.23	149,295.23	-				
All other expenditures	\$	1,325,073	1,189,761.54	1,057,456.65	87,884.94				
Culture and Recreation	\$	143,112	90,195.36	94,386.56	4,191.20	48,725.44	65.95%	83.33%	17.38%
Salaries & Benefits	\$	35,300	17,546.55	19,311.67	1,765.12				
Capital outlay	\$	5,000	-	-	-				
All other expenditures	\$	102,812	72,648.81	75,074.89	2,426.08				
Transportation	\$	1,089,720	794,421.22	842,916.57	48,495.35	246,803.43	77.35%	83.33%	5.98%
Salaries & Benefits	\$	358,500	234,692.73	315,192.30	23,372.90				
Capital outlay	\$	310,562	128,243.58	270,893.58	-				
All other expenditures	\$	420,658	240,079.95	256,830.69	25,122.45				
Economic and Physical Development	\$	-	-	-	-	-	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
Salaries & Benefits									
Capital outlay									
All other expenditures	\$	-	-	-	-				
Environmental Protection	\$	486,323	414,011.41	423,646.66	9,635.25	62,676.34	87.11%	83.33%	-3.78% **
Salaries & Benefits	\$	104,500	75,946.90	81,883.91	5,937.01				
Capital outlay	\$	261,508	261,507.55	261,507.55	-				
All other expenditures	\$	120,315	76,556.96	80,255.20	3,698.24				
Total expenditures	\$	7,552,791	4,754,673.38	4,934,642.14	371,297.21	2,618,148.86	65.34%	83.33%	18.00%
Revenues over expenditures	\$	(1,158,745)	823,862.88	1,275,490.97	260,299.64	(2,434,235.97)	-32.23%		
Other financing sources (uses):									
Transfers in	\$	289,000	289,000.00	-	-	-			
Appropriated fund balance	\$	436,093		-	-	-			
Transfers to other depts	\$	374,236	374,236.00						
ARPA Appropriations	\$	30,000							
Fund Balance rollover	\$	825,652							
Capital reserve fund	\$	60,000	60,000.00			-			
Lease Liability									
Sale of Assets	\$	37,000	-						
Interfund Loan	\$	200,000	200,000.00						
	\$	2,251,981	923,236.00						
Transfers to other funds:									
Contributed to GF fund balance	\$	-							
Transfers out	\$	759,236	759,236.00						
Transfer to Capital Reserve	\$	334,000	334,000.00						
	\$	1,093,236	1,093,236.00						
Total other financing sources (uses)	\$	1,158,745	(170,000.00)	-	-	-			
Revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	\$	-	653,862.88	1,275,490.97	260,299.64	(2,434,235.97)			

Analysis:

- * Timing of revenues - grants and taxes
- ** Purchase of garbage truck



TOWN OF SYLVA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 5:30 PM

Board Room, 83 Allen Street Sylva, North Carolina

MINUTES

PRESENT: Perry Matthews, Commissioner
Samuel McGuire, Commissioner
Johnny Phillips, Mayor
Joseph Waldrum, Commissioner
Brad Waldrop, Mayor Pro Tem

Paige Dowling, Town Manager
Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Blitz Estridge, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: None.

VISITORS: Garrett Craig, Becca Pipitone, David Noland, Casey Walawender, Vanesa Salazar, Lyndsi Young, Brad Tollie, Phoumala Tollie, Emmy Schneider-Green, Nelia Waldrum, Dan Mackey, Joshua Yount, Nilofer Couture, Mikala Shuler, Brian Shuler and Anne Link.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner McGuire made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Waldrum made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding concerns about business signage in town that they believe contains references associated with the Ku Klux Klan (KKK):

- Garrett Craig, Sylva resident, expressed concerns regarding the impact of the signage on the community's image, tourism, inclusivity, and local businesses. He encouraged the Board to consider a resolution condemning racist symbolism and urged community members and business tenants to hold property owners accountable.
- Becca Pipitone, Sylva resident, spoke about the installation of additional signs and expressed concern that the messaging promotes racist symbolism. She referenced prior controversies involving the property owners and urged further scrutiny of their influence within the community.
- Casey Walawender, local resident, expressed disappointment regarding the signage, citing previous community efforts to remove similar signs. She stated concerns about the impact on the town's reputation, tourism, and local economy.
- Brad Tollie, speaking on behalf of his wife, spoke in support of Mr. Clapsaddle. He shared personal experiences regarding assistance provided by the Clapsaddle family to his wife and others, including support for minority business owners and employees. He argued that the controversy was misplaced and cited other examples of businesses with similar letter combinations.
- Emmy Schneider-Green, local resident, stated that the signage conveys an unmistakable association with the KKK and expressed concern regarding its impact on residents, visitors, and the community's image. She urged action to require modification of the signage.

- Nilofer Couture, a Jackson County resident, stated that the signage creates feelings of exclusion and fear and urged the community to reject racism and promote inclusion.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioners McGuire congratulated Jackson County graduates, including students graduating from local schools, Southwestern Community College, and Western Carolina University. Appreciation was also expressed to educators and school staff for their service throughout the school year. Commissioner Waldrop provided an update regarding Jackson County's withdrawal from the Fontana Regional Library system. The commissioner noted that the current library board structure may change and encouraged residents to volunteer for local boards and committees. Commissioner Waldrum congratulated Chief Aimee Sumner on her appointment as Police Chief and recognized positive visibility and community engagement efforts by the police department. Commissioner Matthews reported attending a Hawthorn Heights fundraising golf tournament and noted that record fundraising totals were achieved. Residents were encouraged to support the organization through volunteering and donations.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling reported the following:

- Employment Updates – Police Department: Maleah Mathis has been promoted to Lieutenant from Sergeant. Maleah has worked for the Town since 2019. Briana Foster has been promoted to Sergeant from Officer. Briana has worked for the Town since November 2023. Officer Brittany MacLean is taking a promotion with the Sheriff's Department to become an investigator. Officer MacLean's last day is May 13th. The department is currently recruiting two patrol officers.
- Scott Creek wall stabilization project continues with engineering work progressing toward a 90% design and permitting completion.
- Poteet Park's permanent sinks should be installed by the end of the month.
- The town and Equinox will conduct a closeout meeting and trail visit for the RTP trail. The next step will be the RFP for the PARTF grant.
- Work continues on development of plans for the Ritz drainage system.

NEW BUSINESS:

FORMAL PRESENTATION OF FY 2026-2027 BUDGET: Manager Dowling formally presented the FY 2026-2027 budget to the board and reminded them of the public hearing scheduled for May 28, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Key highlights included:

- No property tax increase; tax rate remains at \$0.45 per \$100 valuation.
- Budget includes major capital purchases for fire, police, and public works departments.
- Salary study implementation includes a 7.9% market adjustment and a 3% cost-of-living increase for employees.
- Capital reserve appropriations total \$287,500.
- Budget adoption is scheduled for June 11.

No action was required at this meeting.

ABC BOARD CHAIR APPOINTMENT: The Board considered the reappointment of David Noland as chairman of the board for the FY 2026-2027. *Commissioner Waldrum made a motion to reappoint David Noland as the chairman. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

MOU MUNICIPALITY FIRE SERVICE DISTRICT: Manager Dowling explained that Jackson County is creating a service district to provide fire and EMS services. The MOU is being approved by each municipality. The county will lower their tax rate by the amount of the service tax. This agreement will guarantee the Town receives a level of funding equivalent to our current funding from the County for the Fire Department. This will help Sylva know there will not be a loss in funding while the agreement is in effect. If fire departments need additional funding, a request would need to be made to the County and/or municipalities for an increase. This agreement will protect the funding for both fire and EMS services throughout the county. The agreement will remain in effect through June 30, 2030. *Commissioner McGuire made a motion to approve the MOU for the fire service district. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

Regular Board Meeting May 14, 2026

CANCEL JUNE 26, 2026, REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Commissioner *Waldrop* made a motion to cancel the June 26, 2026, regular board meeting. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner *Waldrum* made a motion to enter closed session at 6:10 p.m. pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(5) for contract negotiation. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Commissioner *McGuire* made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carried with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 6:36 p.m. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner *Waldrop* made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:36 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Johnny Phillips
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk



TOWN OF SYLVA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 28, 2026, at 9:00 AM

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MINUTES

PRESENT: Blitz Estridge, Commissioner
Perry Matthews, Commissioner
Johnny Phillips, Mayor
Joseph Waldrum, Commissioner
Brad Waldrop, Mayor Pro Tem

Paige Dowling, Town Manager
Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Samuel McGuire, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Bernadette Peters (Economic Dev. Director) Aimee Sumner (Police Chief), Robbie Carter (Assistant Police Chief) and Jake Scott (Public Works Director).

VISITORS: Nelia Waldrum

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Waldrum made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA:

Commissioner Waldrum made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Nelia Waldrum, a resident of Sylva, addressed the Board regarding several concerns. She encouraged the board to advocate for continued municipal representation on the Jackson County Library Board if governance changes occur. She also expressed concerns regarding newly installed surveillance cameras in and around town and requested discussion regarding their purpose, oversight, and public consent. Waldrum also asked the Board to begin discussions regarding data center development and potential impacts on shared regional resources, noting actions taken by neighboring communities.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Phillips reported receiving a citizen complaint regarding increased traffic volume and speed on Second Avenue. Phillips asked NCDOT to review the area and provide recommendations. Those have been forwarded to staff for implementation.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:

Commissioner Waldrop thanked citizens who participated in recent public comment periods and emphasized the importance of local civic engagement and participation in municipal government. Commissioner Estridge expressed appreciation to the Sylva Police Department and Jackson County Sheriff's Office for ongoing drug enforcement efforts and the work of the K-9 unit. Commissioner Matthews thanked volunteers who assisted with the Memorial Day flag display, recognizing their efforts in honoring veterans and the holiday.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Dowling reported the following:

- The inspection on the new trail for the RTP grant went very well. The grant representative was very impressed with the trail construction, quality, and drainage.

- The employee wellness fair is June 4th from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
- Scott Creek Wall Update: The Town has a new FEMA program manager. The public assistance application is still in the environmental & hazard mitigation review phase. Engineering on the wall design is still progressing.
- Poteet Park's permanent sinks should be delivered and installed the end of this week.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT REPORT: Jake Scott reported the following:

- The fountain at the bottom of the courthouse stairs has been shut down due to multiple leaks and will remain closed until after the July 4th holiday while repair options are evaluated with Jackson County.
- Discussions continue with engineering consultants and the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality regarding the Fisher Creek Dam and options for reducing its high-hazard classification.
- McAdams Engineering is preparing a preliminary engineering report for the Bricks Lot stormwater project.
- Air quality testing conducted by students from Western Carolina University at Bryson Park showed all measured pollutants below EPA regulatory thresholds.
- The Public Works Department continues recruiting for a temporary maintenance technician position.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Robbie Carter, Assistant Police Chief, reported the following:

- Reviewed service calls for the month.
- Reported significant drug trafficking arrests involving major drugs.
- Department continues recruiting for two patrol officers.

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: None.

MAIN STREET REPORT: Bernadette Peters, reported the following:

- Attendance at Greening Up the Mountains was estimated between 5,000 and 7,500 visitors despite rainy weather.
- Vendors reported strong sales and positive event participation.
- Appreciation was extended to volunteers, staff, event organizers, and community partners.
- A recent women's networking breakfast hosted in partnership with local economic development organizations attracted more than 200 attendees.
- The Concerts on the Creek series has begun and will continue weekly through Labor Day.
- The Young Professionals networking event was scheduled for later that evening.

PLANNING BOARD REPORT: Manager Dowling reported that the Planning Board typically does not meet during June and July unless urgent matters arise. She also discussed recent state legislation limiting local governments' ability to enact certain zoning changes without unanimous consent from affected property owners. Board members discussed potential implications for future land-use issues, including data center development.

TWSA BOARD REPORT: Manger Dowling reported:

- Approval of the utility budget and capital project ordinance.
- Continued progress on the Clearwell Project
- Ongoing underground work associated with Wastewater Treatment Plant No.2.
- Next steps for the Pinnacle Park grant project include preparation of an RFP for construction services.

NEW BUSINESS

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT: Manager Dowling reported that Luther Jones has served as the Town's appointment to the Jackson County Historic Preservation Commission. He has resigned from the commission. The term expires August 1, 2027. Commissioner McGuire is interested in being appointed to fill the unexpired term. *Commissioner Waldrop made a motion to appoint Commissioner McGuire to the Historic Preservation Committee. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TOWN MANAGER TO EXECUTE CONTRACT FOR REAL PROPERTY:

Manager Dowling reported that the resolution authorizes the Manager to sign the contract and closing documents for the purchase of property on Vance Street (formally 0 Municipal Drive) in the amount of \$212,500. *Commissioner Estridge made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

Regular Board Meeting May 28, 2026

CLOSED SESSION: Commissioner *Waldrop* made a motion to enter closed session at 9:23 a.m. pursuant to NCGS. 143-318-11(a)(5) for contract negotiation. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Commissioner *Waldrum* made a motion to come out of closed session. The motion carried with a unanimous vote and the Board entered into regular session at 10:47 a.m. No action was taken during closed session.

ADJOURNMENT: Commissioner *Waldrop* made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:48 a.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.

Johnny Phillips
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk



**TOWN OF SYLVA
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
BUDGET HEARING**

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MINUTES

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Perry Matthews, Commissioner
Johnny Phillips, Mayor
Brad Waldrop, Mayor Pro-Tem
Joseph Waldrum, Commissioner

Paige Dowling, Town Manager
Amanda Murajda, Town Clerk
Eric Ridenour, Town Attorney

ABSENT: Samuel McGuire, Commissioner

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Phillips called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

STAFF PRESENT: Robbie Carter (Assistant Police Chief) and Aimee Sumner (Police Chief).

VISITORS: None.

PUBLIC HEARING—FY 2026-2027 BUDGET: *Commissioner Waldrum made a motion to open the public hearing on the FY 2026-2027 budget at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote. Being no comment, Commissioner Waldrop made a motion to close the hearing at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

ADJOURNMENT: *Commissioner Waldrop made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.*

Johnny Phillips
Mayor

Amanda W. Murajda
Town Clerk