

February 12, 2019  
7:00 p.m.

The Town of Pink Hill held its monthly board meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall board room. Present for the meeting were Mayor Sykes, Commissioners Mike Hill, James Quinn and Penny Murphy, Town Attorney George Jenkins, Public Works Director Timmy Kennedy, Public Works Assistant Phillip Swinson, Police Chief Joey Thigpen, and Town Clerk Kimberly Mitchell.

Visitors present for the meeting were Susan Myers, John Frye with Capital Management Trust, Jennifer Scott, and Denise Westbrook.

Mayor Sykes said I would like to call this meeting to order and I welcome everyone to the February 12, 2019 meeting and I would like everyone that would to please turn their cellphones off. I forgot to say that last time and at the end one rang so I got myself a note here. Thank y'all. Mayor Sykes asked Commissioner Hill to lead everyone in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Everyone stood and said the pledge of allegiance. Mayor Sykes said I need a motion to approve the agenda and amendments if needed and consent agenda with regular board meeting minutes from January 8, 2019. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to approve the agenda, any amendments, and the consent agenda. Mayor Sykes said do I have a second? Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said is there any discussion, if not, all in favor signify by saying "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Capital Management Trust – John Frye. Mayor Sykes said we have a visitor here tonight John Frye with Capital Management Trust and he is going to talk to us and he will tell you why he's here. Mayor Sykes said thank you for coming. John said thank you for having me. Mayor Sykes said all the way from where you came from, that is pretty far away. John said over in Moore County that is not too far away. I know you guys have a long agenda and I will try to be brief. Thank you for having us back. I was able to meet with Kimberly back in December and it was a good meeting and she thought it might be worthwhile for me to come out and talk to you about what the North Carolina Capital Management Trust is. The North Carolina Capital Management Trust is an investment pool that was created by the state treasury back in 1982. In 1982 other states had city and county investment pools where cities and towns and counties could invest their short term funds. This is your fund balance so we are talking about like your fund balance, your reserves. The state treasury at that time when they approached him there were two options. Those funds could be held by the state and invested with the state or they could set up an independent trust with a board to keep it separate. Harlan Boyles, the state treasury at the time, he said I don't won't this anywhere close to state government. Let's make sure these funds are kept independently. At that time the trust was formed and the League of Municipalities was very involved in that formation as well. It was actually at their request. They hired two entities to help them administer the trust and these contracts are renewed annually and that is Fidelity Investments out of Boston. They're the investment managers and then our company Capital Management of the Carolinas we are the distributors. So basically we are opening accounts for folks and servicing accounts all across North Carolina. We also maintain a trading desk in Charlotte where our clients can call in any day and add funds to their accounts, take funds out of their accounts, and they work with our four trader's right there on the phone every day real people in Charlotte. You don't have to call

Boston or New York City to get that done or go online. We currently have over 830 governments in North Carolina that invest with us. It is option for you. You don't have to invest with us but it is an option and what's unique about it is we only invest, the portfolios that we have, we only invest in items that a city or town could invest in themselves. So there is no special rules for us. We get to buy the same investments that you could buy. It just offers convenience. For instance, you as a community could go out and buy US treasuries or US agency investments...government backed securities. You would have to have a broker. You would have to set up a third party safe keeping arrangement with a bank trust department and then your staff would have to call the broker, make the trade, receive the funds, put it into your third party safe keeping account. And then when they matured, you would have to reverse the process and it is quite labor intensive and expensive the third party safe keeping fees. By doing it together cooperatively through the trust, the trust is buying large blocks of those treasuries and agencies, all government backed securities and you are able to buy shares in that. So basically we are going to talk about the next item though. The first page is the government portfolio. This little two page front and back tells a little bit about the government portfolio. I am going to give you some highlights. It is an SCC registered 2A7 money market mutual fund. So it is a money market mutual fund. It is not a bank deposit. It seeks to preserve capital, it seeks to earn a good market rate of return on short term investments, and it seeks to maintain a constant \$1 per share value for each share. I am glad to report that even through the 2008 crisis the fund always maintained that \$1 per share asset value. The portfolio only invest, I said, in items that you could invest in under law on your own. Specifically this portfolio invest in government securities so all the securities we purchase in this portfolio are backed by the US government. It is not FDIC insured however. So it is not a bank deposit, it is an investment. It is different okay. Your bank deposits are going to be covered by FDIC insurance for the first \$250,000. This is not covered under that program because it is not a bank deposit. However, it only invest in US government backed securities. So it has a different kind of security. The fund is rated and you'll see the next sheet there is our most current rating from Standard & Poor's. It is an AAAM rated fund. It is a Stable NAV Government Investment Pool. So that's the highest rating you can receive and you will see the pie chart and kind of the items it is invested in. There is no minimum investment. There is no deposits and fees to put money in or take money out. It is a same day, this portfolio is a same day availability. For instance if you folks placed an investment into the fund, you could call any day before 12 noon and request a withdrawal and those funds will be in your bank account that same day if you call by 12 noon. Call after 12 noon and it will be tomorrow's business.

In this area we currently serve 830 governmental units in North Carolina. In this area Lenoir County is a long-time client, Kinston, LaGrange, Lenoir County Schools, and then also Duplin County, Duplin and Kenansville are clients. Currently the fund is yielding 2.26 percent today and for the past 30 days it has yielded 2.27. Rates have somewhat leveled off. So you see that the today's rate and the 30 days rate are almost the same. The Federal Reserve had been raising rates over the last 3 years pretty consistently. They have raised them nine times. One of the interesting things about this product is the rate of interest you earn is going to be a market rate of return. If the market moves, your rate goes up. If the market moves the other way, your rate comes down. It is not an institutionally set rate okay. So we are not sitting in a boardroom setting the rate for the day or the week. It is market driven. Our clients have gotten pretty good advantage over that for the last 2 years. This shows interest rate changes and the red line is the

governmental photo that we are talking about. The investments in this fund have about a 32 day average maturity right now. So if we are holding investments and the Federal Reserve raises rates, we earn them at the older rates right, but as they mature we are buying up the new higher rates and our rate trickles up over the next two or three weeks after they make an increase like that. They have been raising rates consistently for the last couple of years. They have cooled off a little bit since December. If you listen to the news, you know they had planned for three more rate increases of a quarter percent this year 2019. They backed off on that quite a bit in some of their speeches and things that they have said and we don't predict future interest rates. That is one thing we can't do or want to do. However, we can say that this product has returned communities in North Carolina a good market rate of return in a safe and liquid investment.

Overall it is a short-term investment where you can get your funds out as needed. Some folks are really finding that a suitable place to put a part of their fund balance to get a good rate of return and have the funds be available, you know in a safe investment. We have some other products. We have a second portfolio. You have to have our government portfolio which is kind of the gateway. That is the first one. You have to own that one before you could own the other. We do own another short-term bond fund that we operate called the Term Fund and it is a variable asset value so the value can vary on that one. It is different than the government ones. Like I said a lot of communities in North Carolina have used us. We encourage folks to say hey open an account with us, start a relationship, keep it open, and then when it is to your advantage use it. If at some point in the future other opportunities are better, leave the account open and move most of the funds out. You know it kind of gives you the opportunity to use the investment into the future. John said and I will open up with that, is there any questions you might have.

Commissioner Hill said what you said we can use as a contingency fund of the town to do this. John said you can, yes sir. I will throw that out to you a lot of towns have multiple accounts with us. Most of the towns I work with have three accounts with us or some have five. They like to segregate their funds. I will give you an example: They will have a Powell Bill Fund. Maybe they want to keep their Powell Bill Funds segregated. Oh I didn't tell you about myself. I am a former finance director. I did 27 years in county government and city government. I worked for Moore County. I was finance director there. Then also for Village of Pinehurst. So I was telling someone earlier in the audience, I said well I was the first rep that had actually been on the other side and actually worked. You know I was a client of this product for a long time. The Powell Bill Fund is a good one. Some folks have maybe a cemetery fund or perpetual fund they want to set aside. Mayor Sykes said what about a water funds. John said water, sewer, and enterprise funds if you want to keep those separate. That is a great segregation. He said and because we have no monthly fees to have the accounts, you can split it up as much as you like with us. Commissioner Hill said okay.

Commissioner Hill said just like we have had to right lately our contingency fund we have to take money out of it to use for our budget. So if we need to go in there and get that money out, we can go get it. John said same day and I told you the simple way. Commissioner Hill said with no penalties? John replied with no penalties yes. It operates like a money market bank account. It is a money market short-term but it is a money market investment. It is a money market mutual fund. So it operates similarly. I mention you pick up the phone any business day

of the year 8:30 to 5:00. Call our traders. We have four folks that answer the phone in Charlotte and say Hi I'm Kim and I am calling, give them your account number off your statement. I need to withdraw \$50,000. Send it to my bank and they will say what's your bank number and you have to give them the bank number because we have got it recorded on our side to make sure it matches to identify who you are and the money will be in your account that day. And that's the only account once it's recorded with us. It's the only account we will ever send money to. If someone called or tried to trick us, that is the only account we could send it back to, to your account. Now beyond the phone call we have online trading. We have other tools if you want to do it online. We have that. About 80 percent of our clients still use the phone method for putting money in and taking money out because it just directly connects to your checking account basically. But the online about 20 percent of our folks like that and we have that as well. You can do it either way. Mayor Sykes said but you can have more than one bank account like for Powell Fund I mean it might go in the General Fund like the Water Fund so it can be two separate ones. John said you can have as many with us as you like. Mayor Sykes said okay. John said I have one town who has seven accounts with us. Whether you segregate streets, you know like I said cemetery, Powell bill, water/sewer and I can work with Kim. John said Kim we have our application there. It is really easy. It is a three page application. You do need to list your banking information. You make copies of it for as many accounts as you like and most of our naming would be Town of Pink Hill – put water fund or whatever fund you want it to be and it is very simple.

Mayor Sykes asked have you mentioned this to Connie. Kim said yes her and Amanda both recommended becoming members. Mayor Sykes said that is what I wanted to hear. Kim said and Connie mentioned the schools are doing it and the county is a member and I think some other towns are. Kim said what and I cannot think of it, what is something with the government you have got to be a member of that to be able to, I cannot think of what it is. John replied debt set off. Kim said that's it because Connie said you had to be a member of this to do the debt set off. John replied correct. The North Carolina League of Municipalities operates a debt collection service called Debt Set Off and a lot of folks thinks that's us because what happened when they set it up at the League of Municipalities it helps folks collect past due water bills and utility bills. When they set that up they were looking for a great way to distribute the funds and they said since 100 counties have an account with you and 300 and some cities and towns would you distribute the funds for us each month for free and we said sure. So they send us a single payment and a tape and we put it in everyone's account every month. For folks who haven't used us who want to use Debt Set Off, they have to open an account to use Debt Set Off because that is the only place they can deposit the money. We also have strong connections with the State Treasury. Some folks use our accounts, and I did this as well, to receive their state distributions like sales tax, etc. They can just go right in there and then you can draw it out as you need it to make payroll and to make your payables match and those kind of things. So some folks use this more actively like money going in and out of their money market mutual fund. Some people use this more passively. They put money with us like a CD like an investment. It doesn't matter. The funds are flexible since they have daily availability. You can use it either way.

Kim said I have got the paperwork and his information if y'all need it. Do they need a motion on that if they wanted to do it? Mayor Sykes said I would think so. George replied yes, I think so.

Mayor Sykes asked the board so do you want to think about it to discuss it some or do you want to go ahead and do it, I mean what do you think. Commissioner Hill said it sounds good and sounds like a lot of people are doing it. Commissioner Murphy said it is highly recommended. Mayor Sykes said well if Amanda and Connie recommend it, I would certainly trust their recommendation. Commissioner Hill said we need to set up a line for the funds that we are going to put in there. Mayor Sykes said and of course Kim would know that because she basically knows how much and if you can draw them out whenever you need them. Kim said I would probably start off like we were talking maybe start off with one of our savings accounts that we have. Mayor Sykes and the board said okay. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion that we join the North Carolina Capital Management Trust. Mayor Sykes said okay do I have a second? Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said do you have any discussion on it, if not, all in favor of the motion say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Sykes told John thank you. John said thank you for your confidence in us. I hope we can be of good service to you over the years. Mayor Sykes asked is this just for local governments? John replied just for local government. When the trust was established the state treasury and league of municipalities its purpose was to serve local government municipalities. So there are a few odd entities like mental health agencies, water/sewer authorities, and airport authorities. There is a few of those. Mayor Sykes said so I can't put my million dollars in there (everybody laughed). John said I had a volunteer fire department call me today and say can we join. I said well you're a nonprofit 501. Kim said now that is a question. Our fire department is volunteer. They're the town's I mean so could we put if the fire department wanted to put their savings in, could they do that being it is owned by the town and not... Mayor Sykes said but it belongs to the town. John said if it's a town fire department, then yes. The one I was speaking of today was a rural not for profit 501 type agency. They receive some public funding from the county but it was how it was listed. John said do they have the same tax ID number as you. Kim replied yes. John said then you are good to go. Kim said same tax ID number. Mayor Sykes said thank you so much. It was nice meeting you. John said thank you all. Kim said thank you John. John said I will be in touch. Kim said that will be fine. Mayor Sykes said come back and see us if you are in the area. John said and that is part of what we do. We come through once or twice a year and visit with your folks and make sure our folks are providing good service. That is part of what we do.

The next item on the agenda is RoseFest Jennifer Scott. Mayor Sykes said okay Jennifer Scott do you have something to report to us, or ask us, or tell us, or whatever. Jennifer said I want to talk a little bit about the RoseFest so thank you guys for having me tonight. I have just a few request and just to keep you informed (she handed out a printout to the board). So basically the RoseFest this year keeping with our third Saturday in May and this is our last year's flyer. I just scratched out but it is going to be on the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. We're looking at the times to be a little different, shorter starting at 11:00 a.m. and going to 8:00 p.m. We have our band booked which is the British Invasion Band so they will be playing like Beatles, the Monkey's, The Who, and some of the other. I have seen lots of videos and they are really great. It is something a little bit different than we have been having so it will bring some people out. And then the streets that we are looking at basically the same as last year. We are not looking at blocking any of Pine Street off. So Walnut you see with the black marks are the larger black marks and this is last year's map. The larger black marks are Walnut and then we have got Central, South Central, and a little bit of College. So basically the same as last year just not any of Pine Street. Kim said so

from the tennis court down to the Stop sign on Broadway. Jennifer replied yes. We had the barrels there and then we had the information booth right there in that little central area. Kim said and then Walnut in front of the Methodist Church. Jennifer said yes right there at the Methodist yes. She said and we will see how we go with vendors. Our vendor response so far has been wonderful. Denise is here. Those of you haven't met Denise Westbrook, she is the one who has been in charge of the vendors. We had a good response last year and they are already piling in. Mayor Sykes said good. Jennifer said we are really excited. Our Friday night events, we are probably changing the 5K this year. We will have the fun run, the Skittle fun run for the little kids, and we are looking at doing something a little more mindful so Tai Chi and Yoga with the roses. So I don't anticipate us needing any streets blocked off other than for parking and things. Yes just our normal parking but not for the actual run on that Friday night. And then parking on that Saturday I think last year we used across the street, across Hwy 241, that empty lot in there. If we can use that again, we'd love to. It was great having the vendors. They would unload their stuff and then move all their larger things across there. Commissioner Hill said the lot we own over here? Jennifer replied yes. She asked if there were any questions. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion that the streets she has marked on the map be blocked and also use the old Miller trailer park for parking. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said I have a motion and a second, is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously. Mayor Sykes and the board thanked Jennifer for coming.

The next item on the agenda was Wellhead Protection Area. Commissioner Hill said this was tabled from the last meeting and right now we don't need to discuss anything except... Timmy just told me our Wellhead Protection Program has been approved. Mayor Sykes said okay, that is what we need to know. Timmy said it is in the final stages. Commissioner Hill said it is in the final stages and she has got to meet with him. Timmy said we have to send in a formal letter and she hasn't got that form to me yet. Commissioner Hill said when we get that done and everything, we will talk about it a little more. Mayor Sykes said okay, so we will just wait until maybe next meeting or whatever if it comes up. Commissioner Hill replied yes.

The next item on the agenda was Connie Huffman Bookkeeping Contract. Kim said there is a copy of the contract and this is where she does our weekly payroll, the W-2's, and the 1099's. So we just need a motion to accept her contract. Commissioner Hill said is it about the same as it was last year. Kim said yes because her figures are already in our budget but she doing different I think with her bookkeeping as far as getting these contracts so she can keep doing them. Mayor Sykes said well she does a good job and helps Kim, I know it helps Kim immensely. Kim replied yes. Mayor Sykes said I know it does. Kim said and she does like our payroll taxes, the W-2's, and the 1099's and stuff. We get her the information and she does that and it shows you on the back what she does. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to accept Connie Huffman's contract for CPA helping the town. Mayor Sykes said do I have a second. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said I have a motion and a second is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Report 2018 Unpaid Real Estate Taxes. Mayor Sykes said and this is just from the county tax collector telling us how much unpaid taxes were in 2018 and it is \$14,815. Do we have a copy of the people who... Kim replied no they don't send that. This is

all they sent right here. Mayor Sykes said okay can I ask you to call him. Kim said yes. Mayor Sykes said I don't mind calling but if you would and tell him I would like to see the people who haven't paid not that I can do anything about it, but I would just like to know. Kim said they are going to be advertised in March. Mayor Sykes said okay is that all y'all need to know about that and I don't think we need a motion on that. Kim said do they need a motion to accept that as presented by...I think you do. George replied I think so. Mayor Sykes said we do? George said I think the minutes need to reflect that you received and accepted it. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion that we accept the unpaid real estate taxes report from the county. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said okay is there any discussion on this motion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was H.J. Building Property. Mayor Sykes said okay the H.J. Building is on here and I just don't know what else to say about it. She asked George do you still have the federal taxes. George replied yes. Mayor Sykes said can we have that again. George said I think you can if I can get it to pull up...yep you sure can. Mayor Sykes said I want to go see him Joey sometime when you are here. I would like to go see Alex but I want to know what the taxes are again. George said I can tell you how much the county ad valorem taxes are real fast but the others are going to take me a second. Mayor Sykes said okay. I have got it in my other computer where I can find it but wait just a second. Mayor Sykes said if you have got the counties but I can get those. They will be on the list. George said they owe the town \$2,247.86 through the end of this month and then interest will add March 1<sup>st</sup>. Mayor Sykes said now that is town and county taxes. George said that is town and county taxes and that is for the years 2014 through 2018. Mayor Sykes said okay. George said there are three IRS liens on the property. Mayor Sykes said okay. George said the first one is a 2005 IRS lien for \$5,908 plus interest plus penalties. Depending on who you talk to at the IRS, some say that after 10 years they are not going to enforce it. Others say after 15 years they are not going to enforce it. Mayor Sykes said you mean the interest or any of it. George replied the whole thing. They take the lien off some say after 10 years and some say after 15 years. When I do title reports I trust the 15 years. Mayor Sykes said okay. George said the next one is a 2010 IRS lien. It is \$2,264.14 plus interest plus penalties. The next one should have gone off. It is a 2003 lien and it is the big one \$16,828.10. Mayor Sykes said but you think that might be gone. George said I think that one should have been gone even by the 15 year one. It was filed on September 10, 2003 so it should have gone off in September of 2018. That was the IRS. Mayor Sykes said right. The next is North Carolina Department of Revenue and the first one is a 2008 lien \$9,866.12. The next is a 2010 lien \$8,460.96 plus interest plus penalties. Mayor Sykes said okay. George said the next is a 2011 lien \$17,052.55 plus interest plus penalties. The last one is a 2012 lien \$16,197.72 plus interest plus penalties. Kim said can you email me that. Mayor Sykes said so is there any time frame on any one of those. George said the state ones they tend to use a 10 year statute of limitations. Mayor Sykes said so if that is the case on the state it seems like then the 2012 would be...George said the 2008 might fall off. Mayor Sykes said okay well that is just something we need to know. George said I am trying to get that emailed to Kim as we speak. Mayor Sykes said so how long would it take to foreclose on it. Okay if we foreclose on it, when the foreclosure comes to bare you know I know it will be up for sale I understand that, and all these figures will be added. George said not necessarily. Mayor Sykes said well that was what I was thinking. George said when I was doing tax foreclosures what I would typically do is contact the IRS office in Greenville and explain the situation and they

would say that if the bid came in more than the taxes, the court cost, and attorney fees, everything over that that would otherwise go to the property owner would go to the IRS and that they would then release their lien against the subject property but not release their lien. It would not apply to that one parcel but it would still be a lien against their income or against any of the money. Mayor Sykes said you mean the person that the foreclosure was done on. George said in this case like Alejandro and MariCruz. If they would agree to that as they had in the past, it would come off the H.J. Chevrolet property but it would still stay so that they could go after their Outlaws Bridge property. He said or if they won the lottery...if they won \$1,000 in the lottery that would be seized. Mayor Sykes said what do y'all think I mean the only way we are going to get our money is to foreclose on it I think. Commissioner Hill said I say foreclose because I am tired of it. Mayor Sykes said George do you want to take...do you want the county to do it or do you want to do it. I will do it either way. Mayor Sykes said which way will be the quickest. George said if Darryl will tell them to do it at the top of the list, let him do it. If not, let me do it. Mayor Sykes said okay well I will talk with Darryl tomorrow. Can he do that and say. George said no you can say and then they would have to be on our coattails. Mayor Sykes said okay but what I am saying is when I ask Darryl to put us on the top of the list, will he do that. George said I don't know. Mayor Sykes said okay I will ask him tomorrow. George said if he says no, then just tell him...Commissioner Hill said do we need a motion on that. Mayor Sykes said yes we will I mean I was just trying...I wanted to ask that question. Okay I mean I will call him tomorrow and find out. George said yes. Mayor Sykes said but we need a motion on foreclosure. George said he is aware of this property. Mayor Sykes said absolutely. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to foreclosure on the H.J. Chevrolet property. Mayor Sykes said do I have a second. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said I have a motion and a second is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Downtown Revitalization Grant. Mayor Sykes said we have received a Downtown Revitalization Grant and it is something that has been given to us and we have got to use it if we want to. I am going to let Kim and we don't know anything about it really. Kim said that is why I sent it to everybody to read over. Susan Myers spoke up and said I know something about it. Mayor Sykes said well let us discuss it okay because you are not on the speak up list. We have just gotten it. Kim said I did call the state to ask because I knew the town had not applied for a grant because if we had applied for it, I would have had to sign off on it and when I got the email I was like we've not applied for a grant. So I contacted the state and she said that it was given to small towns but I wanted to confirm that it was legit because I knew the town board had not voted to apply for a grant and we had not done such so I wanted to make sure it was right. Kim said and we don't have to pay any of it back and it has to be for downtown but it could be like sidewalks and street signs. Mayor Sykes said water projects. Kim said it doesn't have to be a building. Commissioner Quinn said how about the streets. Kim said well Broadway is the state's so we couldn't use it on it. Commissioner Quinn said oh okay. Commissioner Hill said but you could use it on sidewalks. Commissioner Quinn said that would work. Kim said but we have already got sidewalks on Broadway. I have got to find out if it is just Broadway Street that we have to do it or can we come down other streets downtown. Mayor Sykes said if it is just Broadway Street, there is not a whole lot we can do except maybe put some decorative street lights up. Police Chief Thigpen spoke up and said how about the Christmas Wreaths. Kim said he is talking about the Christmas Wreaths for downtown. Mayor



Sykes said oh yeah if that is the only thing it can be used for. Kim said and I did find out we do not have to specify for one item. When we fill it out it can be for multiple things. It does not have to be one item, or one building, or one specific thing like if we wanted to put the Christmas lights or something else. Commissioner Quinn said that would be ideal right there. Mayor Sykes said and something that I thought about too and it wouldn't be that many but street signs. Commissioner Murphy said those pretty ones. Mayor Sykes said right those pretty ones that I mentioned some time back that I would like to see us get, that would be good. Commissioner Murphy said something else and I don't have no idea of what it is or how much it is but you know the Christmas tree its more of a frame or whatever that Kinston uses. Mayor Sykes said that is a good idea. Commissioner Murphy said it is a major undertaking to put that great big tree up and get it to stand up straight and they have got to buy a tree every year and they have got something you know they can reuse. Mayor Sykes said yes that is good. Commissioner Murphy said of course I don't know how much it cost to begin with. George said doesn't that belong to the county. Commissioner Murphy replied I don't know. George said are you talking about the one on Courthouse Square or the one at the park. Commissioner Murphy said the one at the park is what I had in mind. Mayor Sykes said yes that would be a good idea to do. The sidewalks do they go all the way down, I am trying to think. Kim said what about the sidewalk Timmy? Timmy said we patched the sidewalk. The only parking area that hasn't been done on Broadway Street is from Central Avenue to the bank or to Realo Drug. Kim said he is talking about resurfacing the parking area and doing the lines. Timmy said that is the only place that hasn't been done and it is pretty rippled and patched spots and things like that. Commissioner Quinn said so you can do the parking areas. Kim said we are going to have to find out. Mayor Sykes said I just need to know do you all want to accept it. I mean I hope we can and we can or will work on it. Mayor Sykes said the only thing they can do is take it back. Kim said it is not a matching. Commissioner Hill said if we can use it for what we want to use it for. Mayor Sykes said well that is what she indicated pretty much so. Commissioner Murphy said so they just randomly select small communities for this grant. Mayor Sykes said how many did she say 25. Kim said I can't remember but I know Mt. Olive was one. I had a post-it note but Mt. Olive, Maysville, Trenton and Pink Hill. That's the only ones I can remember off the top of my head of the small towns that received it this year. Commissioner Quinn said what kind of money is it. Kim said there is different amounts I mean we got \$25,000 but everybody got different amounts. Mayor Sykes said probably the size of the community. Commissioner Quinn said okay. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to accept the grant. Mayor Sykes said do I have a second. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said we have a motion and a second is there any discussion. Commissioner Hill said what we need to do is get together and sit down and talk about what we want to do. Mayor Sykes said well think about it what you want. Commissioner Hill said yes and just bring it back to the next meeting and think about what we want to do. All in favor of the motion say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously. Kim said so we are going to discuss this at the next meeting. Mayor Sykes said yes so just keep in mind what you want. Commissioner Quinn said so by next meeting we will know what we can do. Mayor Sykes said yes.

Kim said did you ask a question. Mayor Sykes said did you ask a question. Kim said I thought you had asked her a question. Commissioner Murphy said oh I did. I asked Susan if that's the way this works or is it just randomly put in. I am just curious as to how. Mayor Sykes said well we will have to find out from the state you know how it...I am sure she knows all about it but I

think we need to get it from the state their directions. Commissioner Murphy said yes but I mean as far as how our name came up out of the hat. Mayor Sykes said oh how it came up. Commissioner Murphy said I am just curious. Mayor Sykes said the state girl said I don't know if there is a way, I mean it wasn't recommended I don't think. Kim said she didn't say. When I talked to her she didn't say anything about it was recommended or anything so I don't know. I don't know what she knows is what I am saying. Mayor Sykes said so what do you want to say Susan. Susan said well I wish you would thank John Bell who is the majority leader who has been a big component of this and also Chris Humphrey. John wanted to put some money in Chris Humphrey's territory. John has been on our "Think Tank" and he is aware of some of the things that have been going on in Pink Hill. Mayor Sykes said what we need to know mainly though is, I mean and I appreciate John I know John and I knew he had something I knew about that, but I just you know... You want to know why we got it. Commissioner Murphy said I was just wondering what the criteria was... Did they just pull our name out of a hat. Susan said I've met with them and I know what they told me, but I think it would be better to hear exactly what they tell you. Mayor Sykes said I mean that is what we will have to go on what they tell us. Commissioner Murphy said that was my question. Susan said money doesn't often come from Raleigh. Kim said that is why I called them. Mayor Sykes said I mean we will find out and we'll make some notes too here and if y'all want to think of anything that you might like for us to consider bring them to Kim. Commissioner Murphy said Carol I will find out how much that is. Mayor Sykes said that will be good and I want to find out about if it's just going to be main street. I hope they would consider a little bit over but it may not be. Commissioner Hill said Central is this way and also Pine Street because it is business. Mayor Sykes said yes but I mean I don't know how much they would consider, but that's what we were thinking about, Kim and I were talking about it. If you can think of anything just let us know. Kim said so do we need to maybe ask Chris Humphrey to come to the meeting. Mayor Sykes said I don't know we may see him tomorrow, no Thursday. George said when the legislature is in session he's not going to be here. Mayor Sykes said I don't think so either. I don't think so. George said he will be in Raleigh. Susan said make sure that he gets John... They want Chris to get credit for it. John did it but they want Chris to get credit for it. Mayor Sykes said well maybe John will make contact with the town. He should if that is what he wants. I would think John would. Susan said I think Chris is supposed to contact you. Mayor Sykes said well I think somebody should address the case. Susan said Chris supposed to be calling you directly. Mayor Sykes said okay I think that's the way it should be.

The next item on the agenda was Fire Department Report. Kim read the report due to Fire Chief Heath not being present at the meeting. Kim said calls since last meeting on January 8, 2019 – EMS assignments 14, vehicle accidents 5, structure fires 1, vehicle fire 0, fire alarms 0, brush fires 1, service assignment 0, and total calls 21. Mayor Sykes said thank you guys and tell Tony thank you.

The next item on the agenda was Police Department Report. Police Chief Thigpen said since the last meeting on January 8, 2019 we have had 3 accidents, 2 alarms, 4 arrest, 1 assist Duplin County Sheriff's Office, 5 assist Lenoir County EMS, 8 assist Lenoir County Sheriff's Office, 2 assist motorists, 3 assist Pink Hill Fire Department, 1 assist Probation and Parole, 1 breaking and entering of a residence, 1 careless and reckless vehicle, 3 citations, 3 disturbances, 4 domestics, 1 fraud, 1 intoxicated person, 1 larceny, 1 littering complaint, 1 noise complaint, 1 arrest of

possession of Methamphetamine and drug paraphernalia, 2 psychiatric persons, 4 suspicious persons, 9 suspicious vehicles, 1 trespassing, and 5 vehicle unlocks for a total of 68 calls. Commissioner Quinn said y'all have been busy. Commissioner Hill said are all the cars running okay. Police Chief Thigpen said oh yes you would be surprised in a little town how many people lock their keys in their vehicles. Kim said what did you ask Mike. Commissioner Hill said I asked him if all the cars were running okay. Police Chief Thigpen said oh yes sir. I think Mike since we had that repair he said the other day that it was acting up some but not like it was. It is getting older and getting some miles on it too. It is what 11 years old and it has got like 130,000 miles on it.

The next item on the agenda was Water/Sewer Report. Timmy said as you know we have got several items or damages for FEMA that they are working on. I am trying to get mitigation to be a part of Central Avenue and Lynwood Avenue culverts to try to get them fixed instead of being patched to fix them a little better. After we met, I met with the guy's name is Sandy with FEMA, I met with him on February 2, 2019. He said and after meeting with him it was decided by me because the way he was talking to me was, the stuff he wanted to see on the bids and the way he wanted the projects to be carried out was to get the Wooten Company involved, to get an engineer's scope of work and to get an easier stamp on the actual job. That is the way it sounded to me. Phillip and Alex were there in the meeting with Mr. Sandy. He said a lot of other stuff too. Whenever I showed him one bid that I had in at that time for the jobs, he was very unsatisfied with the wording on those on the one that I turned in and that was the only one that I had received. Some of the wording was like putting cement back or cement wall back similar to what it was and he didn't like that wording. He said what does that mean and he didn't know what kind of cement and all that kind of stuff. That is the reason he would like to see the Wooten Company's engineer stamp on it saying this is what needs to go back here to withstand another hurricane. Timmy said so that is where we are at with that. I don't know what that is going to cost as far as with the Wooten Company but I felt like to get this job done we are going to have to have it. Is that okay? Mayor Sykes said yes. Phillip said and that would be reimbursed with FEMA. Timmy said the engineering fees would be included in the scope of work. Kim said if the mitigation gets approved. Timmy reiterated if the mitigation gets approved. Phillip said so in other words if the project cost \$80 and engineering fees were \$20...Timmy said they are going to cover it for \$100 hopefully. That is what we are shooting for anyway. Kim said but if mitigation doesn't get approved and with the email we got back this afternoon, I'm thinking I don't know that mitigation...we are going to be able to do the projects. Timmy said the answer that you printed off for me. Kim said yes. Timmy said this right here. This was sent in. This was a note from Mr. Sandy, the one that met with me on February 2, 2019, and he was out here for about half a day correct. Phillip replied yes. Timmy said we went to the sites and lots of talking and carrying on and this was sent in to the Raleigh office and the Texas FEMA office on 01/28/19. This is a note from him that says mitigation is not going to be involved. Kim said you met with him when? Timmy said I met with him on February 2, 2019 so I think this is going to change. Kim said okay and that's what she is saying that she will get back with us. Timmy replied right. Kim said okay. Timmy said she has got to confirm with Mr. Sandy first. Phillip said he came and took pictures and suggested all this stuff. Kim said hopefully it will go through. Commissioner Hill said I am looking at one bid here. He has nothing described what he is really going to do. Timmy said those bids are for totally different jobs and that was next on the list.

Timmy said the Hunter Street and Old Beulaville Road insurance paid all of it except for the \$2,500 deductible on one of the bids. The bid that they paid from was the \$15,000 one. Commissioner Hill said Sadale Utilities. Timmy said yes but I've got three bids for that same job and you should have a copy of those three bids. One of them is Down Under Construction with Mr. George Pierce, one of them is Sadale which they have done work for the town before. It is \$15,000, one is \$17,250, and the other is \$13,685 from A.C. Schultes. Kim said they are in order of the lowest to the highest in your book. Timmy said like I say insurance has already paid \$15,000 minus \$2,500. Commissioner Hill said so we've got to decide which of these bids we want to accept. Kim said you are talking about for Hunter Street and Old Beulaville right now. Timmy replied yes ma'am. Kim said so the A.C. Schultes is the... Timmy said A.C. Schultes is the lowest bidder. I pretty much trust their work. We kept this particular project in FEMA hoping to get back any deductible which was what we were told. Kim replied yes. Timmy said by our FEMA representative. Kim said if you go with the lower bid FEMA said that they would most likely reimburse us the \$2,500 deductible. Commissioner Hill said okay. I see A.C. Schultes said they were going to use C900 pipe. Timmy replied yes. Commissioner Hill said none of the rest of them say what type of pipe they are going to use. Timmy said okay on Sadale I am going to provide the pipe and the fitting. That is the way we did it the last time that they did it and we paid straight out for that one. Commissioner Hill said how about George Pierce? Commissioner Hill said would you be satisfied with the C900 pipe for the ductile. Timmy said yes, that is what we put in before. That is what I provided for the job that Sadale did for us which was about 8 or 10 months ago or a year ago right in that same area. Commissioner Hill said so if we go with A.C. Schultes, FEMA is going to reimburse us the \$2,500. Timmy said hopefully. That is what we are shooting for. Timmy said actually it won't be \$2,500 because their bid is less than \$15,000. He said insurance paid \$15,000 minus \$2,500. They wouldn't wait. They didn't wait for it and I explained that to the guys that came out and asked what kind of damages and all that. I gave them that one bid and I said I am waiting on some more and they sent us a check in the mail. Commissioner Hill said if we use Sadale at \$15,000, we still have piping and fittings. Timmy said yes sir. Commissioner Hill said so it is going to cost us more than \$15,000. Timmy replied yes sir. Commissioner Hill said did they all talk about the same scope of work, I mean when they were out there talking to you did they all talk about the same thing. Timmy said yes sir.

Commissioner Quinn said what are you doing over there. Timmy said we have an 8 inch piece of terracotta pipe which is clay pipe and where the PVC meets it, it looks like there was probably a crack or something that was not found before. If you look at terracotta wrong, it will break or crack and I feel like that is the problem. It escalated whenever we had the flooding situations in that area which was on Old Beulaville Road and Hunter Street right in the intersection. I feel like there was water everywhere. It is pretty flat in that area. There was water running in every manhole probably because the manholes were full because everywhere else was at that particular time and it caused a blowout. It hasn't sunk anymore since then. Just a little bit but that could have just been some settling and that is because we have got normal flow there now. It is 10 feet deep. You are going to have to dig a pretty big hole to put a trench box in and the whole intersection will have to be shut down. Timmy said the repair is not that big of a deal after you get to it. It is just 10 feet deep. Commissioner Hill said gotcha. Timmy said that is the reason we can't do it because it is 10 feet deep. Commissioner Quinn said so there is just one box in all that down there. Timmy replied yes sir. Commissioner Hill said ideally it needs two boxes. He said are you satisfied with A.C. Schultes. Timmy said yes sir, I feel like we will be okay.

Commissioner Hill said I make a motion we get A.C. Schultes to do the work for \$13,685. Timmy said we do have an email in to our FEMA rep to make sure that when she sees these, she doesn't need something else. If she is going to say yes everything looks good, because I'm not going to award to anybody until she says it is okay if you understand what I am saying. Kim said and we needed to go ahead and get y'all's motion saying who. Timmy said because I didn't want to wait a whole another month. The board all replied okay. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said I've got a motion and a second is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

Timmy said the same thing with those four. The next one that I have bids on. I have four bids for this job and it seems like the bids run a pretty good space in between. I told the same story to all four of these guys when they came out and what I wanted and it is the Carol Drive job. Kim told the board you have got those bids as well in the book with the lowest to the highest. Timmy said A.C. Schultes was \$9,665, Taylors was \$5,500, and Down Under Construction was \$3,311.65. Timmy said it seems like that is very low. Commissioner Hill replied yes. Timmy said I told the same story to every one of those guys. Do I feel like this guy can do the job...Yes. Mayor Sykes said which one. Timmy said Down Under Construction. Mayor Sykes said George Pearce...is that Pearce out of Richlands. Commissioner Hill said is he any kin to Donnie. Timmy replied yes as far as what I don't know. Mayor Sykes said well they have always done us a good job when they have been here before. Commissioner Hill said did they say in the whole thing, did they say anything about cleaning that tile out. Timmy said what I asked was, because there's really no way of washing it out short of getting Triple S or somebody like that with a jet packed truck to come there suck it and blow it out with high pressure water. That is the only way that I can think of. I have asked that they on the outgoing side dig a hole and clean that side up a little bit so that whenever the water does start flowing through there like it is supposed to, it will have somewhere for the sand to wash to and drop off.

Kim said what did the FEMA people say when they went. Did they go look at that area too didn't they? Timmy said they did as far as what they said. Commissioner Hill said yes what did they say about it? Timmy said that is pretty much what they said. They said they could only go to the right of way and our right of way on that street is 60 feet. So they are going to dig out I think it is 60 yards of sand and they are going to haul back in some, probably about one load because there is a hole there in one spot where they are going to take off the shoulder. They are going to take off the shoulder all the way around to your little driveway on the backside of your property. So that when the water does come, because the water is going to come down that street again, it will run to the ditch instead of staying in the highway until it gets to the creek. He said it is eating the road up. Commissioner Hill said yes. Timmy said this particular job it needs to be done by March 16<sup>th</sup> or FEMA is not going to touch it.

Commissioner Hill said he left \$2,000 off on it and that's what scares me about him. Kim said he did what? Commissioner Hill said he left \$2,000 laying on the table. Mayor Sykes said who, which one Pierce? Timmy said he is just a smaller guy. Commissioner Murphy said is that the one that you feel good about? Timmy said he is the cheapest and I hope FEMA is going to pick up the tab. Commissioner Murphy said so is that the one you want is what I am asking? Timmy replied because it is the cheapest yes. Kim said and it is the amount, with FEMA it has to be at least \$3,140 for it to even be a project it has to be \$3,140. Timmy said but I don't think that acquires to because this is Category A. I don't think that is applies. I just thought about that. Kim said yes that is considered debris removal. Timmy said yes. Kim said maybe not but I

don't know, I'd be scared. Timmy said this one I'm also going to send her all these bids which I think she has already got a couple of them but I have been waiting on the other two. He said and I am hoping she is going to say yes it all looks good, it looks like we're going to be able to cover you. Commissioner Quinn said has he done any work for you before? Timmy said George no, not under his business. The last time that Sadale came into the network which was about 10 months ago, he was the one that was in the hole doing the work. Mayor Sykes said and he and the other guy was who. Timmy replied Sadale.

Commissioner Hill said I'm pretty sure FEMA wouldn't pay for the top two to start with. Mayor Sykes said pretty sure what? Commissioner Hill said they wouldn't pay for Taylor's or A.C. Schultes because they are so high. Timmy said I did express that it was going to be a FEMA job so that it needed to be very detailed on the bids and this is what I got back from Mr. Taylor. I trust his work but that is what I got back. Commissioner Hill said it is not very detailed. Timmy said the only one that actually detailed it like I asked him too was Down Under with Mr. Pierce. He is the only one that detailed his bid. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to go with Down Under Construction Company for \$3,311.65. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said okay is there any discussion, if not, all in favor of the motion say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously. Timmy said and both of these like I say would be only if FEMA is okay with the bids. He said and if they're not, I will just have to come back before you. Is that in agreement? Mayor Sykes said is that going to give us plenty of time. Timmy said that won't give me enough time but hopefully I can ask for an extension on that debris removal. Commissioner Hill said can we have a conference call with something like this. Mayor Sykes said okay that is good. Commissioner Hill said okay. Timmy said I don't want to spend the money without...because we are hoping FEMA is going to pick up the tab a partial of it anyway. Timmy said that is all I have. I hope everybody is happy with me and my work. Mayor Sykes said I tell you what y'all if you have never done this FEMA stuff I have but it has not been this hard. Commissioner Quinn said evidently it is getting better and better. Mayor Sykes said I mean these folks have done a good job and I will tell you that. They have done a great job Kim and Timmy. Everything has gotten in like it was supposed to and I think she is probably one of the only ones it has happened with. Kim said she is good.

George said can I ask the two of them a question. Mayor Sykes said sure. Timmy said yes sir. George said in your dealings with FEMA do you send the stuff in and they say oh we need a form 123A and you send that in, and then do they call you and say well thank you for the 123A but we need XYZR. Kim said this time I would say no, this has been the best if you could say this storm, this has been the best help that we've had in the storms since I've been here. George said and the ones I'm dealing with are not the same people you're dealing with. Mayor Sykes said I noticed when I came in one day the FEMA person that helps her she is like so much different than it used to be. I mean she knows the ABC what to do. George said she goes ahead and gets it done and then she says okay you have done it. Kim said yes. Mayor Sykes said and I think she certainly is on our side and I'm sure everybody's side but I mean she is very I think...Kim said she is finished with us right now because she has had to move on to Lenoir County for the schools and something else but she emails us and calls. Mayor Sykes said well y'all have done a good job.

Timmy said can I say what the guy told us today, Jeff? Mayor Sykes said yes. Timmy said out of all the projects and things that we have put in for, some of them are in process at Texas which they are fixing to send a check and that's the first part of it. Now this is not for these three

projects that I just talked about to you. The two culverts they are still in the process because I hadn't satisfied the mitigation guy yet. Kim said those worry me just a little bit. Timmy said they are big jobs as far as money. Mayor Sykes said did the state guy have any recommendations or anything. Timmy said not really. He pretty much stopped by here to make sure that the FEMA people were helping us like they were supposed to which I can't say nothing bad about them. They have got to have everything right. Mayor Sykes said and he told them if you need anything to call him. Timmy said I think it is pretty promising that if we ever get all the paperwork done that they're going to pay. Mayor Sykes said well thank y'all so much. Timmy said is there anything that I missed.

Timmy said Phillip just reminded me of something. It may be an issue but hopefully it won't. Hopefully we can get out there. We can't go onto the spray field with our equipment because it's wet. We are having to spray as often as we can and then it makes it wetter. We spray as long as we can every time we can. We can't get up and plus the trees are in dormant stage so they are not taking up any water. You are just spraying out there and it is going in the ground. We have a bunch of trees down from the storm and we haven't been able to get out there because ever since the storm our lagoon has been full. Every time it is dry enough that we can put some water on the ground we do and that makes it even wetter for us to try to get out there and get the trees up. He was talking about if we got an inspection most likely they are going to write us up because it is not as clean as it needs to be but hopefully they can understand. Commissioner Hill said if they do it as stupid with it as they did with the Town of Wallace and another couple of towns, they were supposed to take samples until the end of September. They couldn't get to the site to take the samples. If they took the samples, they couldn't even get to the lab to use so they got a violation an administrative violation. Mayor Sykes said that's wrong. Commissioner Hill said that's wrong because it is an act of nature and there was nothing that they could control about it or you can't control what's out there. Timmy said we were in Greenville on Thursday at the hazard mitigation meeting and we had to make a trip to Sam's also while we were there to pick up some items for the town, and I got a phone call from Public Water Supply. It was one of my inspectors, engineer from Public Water Supply, and he told me I was going to get a Notice of Violation if I didn't send in my bacti-sample for January. I said okay. Mayor Sykes said Timmy's face turned white. Kim said I thought he was going to have a stroke. Timmy said I was inside at Sam's so I couldn't holler but by the time I got to the truck and made another phone call or two, I found out that the state has got a different electronic way for the lab to send the results. I know I took the sample and the sample came back good. Matter of fact I took it on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January and we got a good sample back. I had the results either in my mailbox or on my desk at the shop but I was not close to where I could just... And I can't send it in electronically to the state to Raleigh. Commissioner Hill said the lab has to. Timmy said the lab has to do it so I called the lab and she said I will resend it don't worry about it. I said you let me know when you get the results and she did. Timmy said so I was going to get a Notice of Violation if I hadn't gotten the phone call and the lab sent it but it didn't send because they have just changed the way that it has got to be sent somehow. Some kind of new format on a new page or something like that but I could have got a Notice of Violation on that and I don't have anything to do with it other than I am supposed to take the sample and make sure that it's good.

Timmy said one more issue that has come about in this past 30 days is I noticed that something was being built just north of the lagoon and the property is from Ash Davis Road to the open field there. Something is being built there and it looked like a well driller was on the property

fixing to drill a well and I'm thinking can you drill that well that close to my lagoon. Well I made a call to the state which he gave me some footages and I found out that because it is the lagoon, it is only 50 feet and we have 100 feet to our right of way or to our property line. So we are good on that. If it had of been...if somebody had of moved any closer...if they had put a building that people would stay in a dwelling and it would have been within 150 feet of our spray irrigation, that would have been a violation on the town's part and some of ours is very close. I just wanted you to know that. Mayor Sykes said is it okay? Timmy said hopefully right this minute everything is good. Mayor Sykes said I know he is under the impression that it is. Timmy said the piece of property that I was scared that I was too close to...This person that is doing the building don't own this piece that's closest to us, to the town. He said but Mr. Tom Yates who owns that piece of property and if he ever sells it for somebody to put duplexes on or something like that, it could be too close. As long as it is a field it is okay. Mayor Sykes said is there any way we can...Timmy said purchase the property. Mayor Sykes said no I know that no, that we could not let them get any closer. I mean we can't control that? Timmy said not unless you own the property, that is the only way you can control that. Mayor Sykes said the state can't do anything. George said they are moving to a nuisance not the nuisance, our lagoon, moving to them. Timmy said I agree, I agree. Tell that to the hog farmers that just lost their hogs in Beulaville. George said I am not getting into that. I'm not going to get into that part. Timmy said but I am saying that would be the same situation but it would be human waste that we have. George said right. Commissioner Hill said well just like the Sumner boy when he bought that piece of property he was told, Mr. Gary, that there was a spray irrigation field out over there. Timmy said because that is there we lost 8 sprinkler heads right there. Commissioner Hill said and I told him to move it this a way and he wouldn't do it. So as far as I was concerned that, I mean I know the way they write the permits and everything, but when somebody does something that stupid it is their fault. It is not the town's fault and that is the way I feel about it. Timmy said okay and that would really hit bad and it's like I told my state rep, my Washington Regional Office lady, her name is Sarah Toppin, when I talked to her I said I can't move my lagoon. If they come and put a house there, there is going to be a house there. The lagoon is pretty much set. Mayor Sykes said I don't know if that is what they are going to do. I mean I don't know what they are going to put there but he told me the other night that he had talked to you about and everything was okay. Timmy said he is going to dig two ponds. He is going to have a major dog pen there with his own well and there is going to be a house. Timmy said and that piece of property is good because it is far enough away but Mr. Tom Yates probably...Mayor Sykes said but so we can't have a zoning...George said is that within the ETJ. Phillip said yes there's the driveway, see the driveway. George said I think we need to talk with Wayland about that. Mayor Sykes said I think we do too, have some kind of zoning. George said not for residential. Timmy said he doesn't own the land. George said that might be the best thing to talk to Wayland and not worry about what if's and what is but talk to Wayland. Mayor Sykes said I think that would be the thing to do. Commissioner Hill said yes. Mayor Sykes said to see if we can get some zoning out there for some reason. It shouldn't be all left on us. Timmy said I just wanted you to be aware that those are some issues that I've had to work on over these past 30 days. George said I think we need to talk to Wayland and have a public hearing. Mayor Sykes said I agree. George said I think Kim needs to talk to Wayland tomorrow. Mayor Sykes said I think we need to talk to Wayland about some kind of amendment to the zoning. Mayor Sykes said yes.



Timmy said another issue that I have thought about...Kim said Timmy can we finish this right quick though. Mayor Sykes said go ahead and finish talking about this. Kim said no. Timmy said it is the same area we are talking about. Kim said oh I'm sorry, I was getting confused. Mayor Sykes said you go ahead and finish what you were saying. Timmy said this area right here (pointed on map) is the rest home and we have apartments right here. If they come to this property which is owned by the Whitfield's also, they will be too close. The town doesn't own that little piece there and we are going to lose some more sprinkler heads. Mayor Sykes said we need to get all these spaces like we need them and we need to talk to Wayland. George said yes. Mayor Sykes said ASAP. Commissioner Hill said yes. Timmy said if he puts some more duplexes there. Kim said where is it at on there...the same area? Timmy said yes right in the same area. Mayor Sykes said because it's not fair to jeopardize what we've already, I mean everything we've got there that we've had there. I mean that just not fair and it's not right to do. Commissioner Hill said we start losing capacity and then we can't add nothing. Mayor Sykes said yes, that is the thing. Commissioner Hill said unless we go buy some remote property and run lines out there. Mayor Sykes said I'm sure it wouldn't be a popular thing but I think that's what we need to do because I just don't think we need to have to be the escape goat on this. Kim said so what was it you were saying we needed to do? George said contact Wayland tomorrow. Kim said and what is it that I am needing to do? Timmy said you need the land restrictions on certain properties. George said review the zoning in that area to prohibit residential...Mayor Sykes said to a certain place. George said yes and to redraw the lines for agricultural residential. Timmy said I will get some maps together and go talk to him in his office if I need to. George said industrial ought to be okay. Timmy said he just pulled up GIS and it says the properties that I was scared that the Whitfield boy was going to put some duplexes on, he says it is owned by the town and that is part of the park. Commissioner Hill said yes. Phillip said there is a small sliver in there though, however, that they do own. Kim said is it large enough to put a duplex on though. Commissioner Hill said okay the ditch there at the water tank, that little piece across there they own. Tom bought it from Bill Turner. Phillip said right but we are on the other end. Commissioner Hill said we're on the other end? Phillip said we're on the other end of the road. Timmy said we're on the other end of that piece of property. Mayor Sykes said so then that part is okay? I know where you are talking about. Timmy said that is just some more avenues we have looked at. Mayor Sykes said just make sure you have got all the property that can be involved in this when we talk about it to make sure we do this public hearing on it, that we have got everything we need. Commissioner Hill said they can't go across that street because we own that. Timmy said right. George said is that Lauderdale that you are calling that street? Timmy said it is unnamed in my opinion. You are the ones that said it was on Lauderdale. Mayor Sykes said Lauradale is what I think it is. Kim said I thought Lauderdale was in Shamrock. George said no Lauderdale not Lauradale. Lauradale is in Shamrock. Lauderdale like Ft. Lauderdale, Florida is that was the original name but part of which is now Tarheel Drive. Kim said and Tarheel Drive is what has been dedicated to the town. George said right and one out there I think was named Hatteras. Kim said that is the one in front of the apartments. Hatteras is not a town street. Timmy said I'm through talking now.

The next item on the agenda was Budget Amendments If Needed. Mayor Sykes said do we have any budget amendments. Kim said yes I have one. The budget amendment is for \$2,300 for legal audit fees in the General Fund and that is just the line item we are taking this out of. It is to amend the budget for the gas OPED reporting and it is a report that the Governmental Accounting Standard Board requires us to do. Mayor Sykes said have you always had to do it?

Kim replied no. I've had to do it so that is why I am having to amend the budget. We will have that from now on every year. Mayor Sykes said I don't understand it. Commissioner Hill said I make a motion to amend the budget. Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion. Mayor Sykes said I have a motion and a second is there any discussion, if not, all in favor say "Aye" and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was Remarks by Town Attorney. George said at the last meeting in closed session I was asked to do a title search on some property in Park Circle. I have got news about it or I considered it good news. George passed out a paper to each board member. The property we are talking about is this piece right here and the way I left the meeting last month was thinking that it still belonged to the Aires of Bernice Turner Edwards. As requested I did a title search on it and I found that it does not belong to the Aires of Bernice Turner Edwards but they deeded it to the Town of Pink Hill and I provided you with a copy of the deed. Mayor Sykes said they deeded to the Town of Pink Hill? George said yes I have provided you with a copy of the deed where they did. It was deeded on July 7, 1964 or recorded July 7, 1964 at 8:30 in the morning. It belongs to the town so the need to get a deed from them, well really from the survivors of Joyce Ann and Linda Smith, and Betty Harvey is not there. We don't need to do it. Now I gave you a letter opinion right there and from what I can determine no ad valorem taxes have been billed on it which is good. Mayor Sykes said never been billed on it. George said which is good. The description in that deed and the description that I put in my letter of opinion I do not like. Mayor Sykes said why did you do it and she laughed. George said because I was still in high school when this was done but the description I think is poor. Mayor Sykes said you mean of the property. George said the way that it was described in the deed but I think it is good enough. We pass muster for what we are using it for. If we were trying to sell it, the buyer should insist on a survey and a description that is consistent with the survey but I don't think the town is in the market to sell that little piece of property. Mayor Sykes said I know I don't think so. I mean I don't know who would want to buy it, oh I do know who would want to. George said well I don't know if the town can dispose of it unless... Mayor Sykes said unless we do buy it? George said no you don't need to buy it. It is yours. Mayor Sykes said oh I know but, well anyway we aren't going to buy it. George said anyway but there may be some utility right of way's there. I'm not insuring that they aren't. Commissioner Quinn said oh okay. George said and if there is an overhead wire, your folks might have an easement or Duke Power might but the town can't disturb that easement. I will not do a title search for less than \$500 and I attached a bill to this for you. Mayor Sykes said okay so we paid \$500. George said no. Commissioner Hill said \$250. Mayor Sykes said huh? Commissioner Hill and Commissioner Quinn said \$250. George said but for the record I will not do a title search for less than \$500. He said the only other significant thing that I can tell you is because it belongs to the town, the town has the obligation to keep it up or Timmy can go cut the weeds and file a lien against the town for getting rid of the nuisance. Mayor Sykes said we have always done it and I mean I don't know if anyone else has ever done it other than us but I don't know if anyone knew it was ours. George said that is why I gave you the deed. Mayor Sykes said well I do want us to get some kind of sign and put up out there that it is the Town of Pink Hill property so everybody will know. Kim said we can get Right-On Signs to make one. George said and those are the only comments I have. Mayor Sykes and the board said thank you so much. George replied you're welcome.

The next item on the agenda was Comments by the Board. Commissioner Hill said just proud to be here.

The next item on the agenda was Public Comment Period if needed. There were no public comments at this time.

The next item on the agenda was Closed Session if needed. There was no need for a closed session at this time.

With there being no further business the meeting was adjourned.