

MIDDLESEX GOVERNING BODY

MEETING AGENDA

NOVEMBER 06, 1995  
7:30 P.M

1. Call to order at 7:30 p.m..
2. Invocation.
3. Welcome of Guests.
4. Approval of Previous Minutes.
5. Reports.
  - a. Chief of Police
  - b. Utility Supervisor
  - c. Commissioners
  - d. others
6. Old Business.
  - a. report on 1994-95 audit by Anthony & Tabb, PA
  - b. Rhonda Jordan, representing Rhonda's Flea Market.
  - c. Discussion on ditch behind Jimmy Griffen property.
  - d. Discussion on Sewer Line to Zebulon.
  - e. Re-classify Title V Slot with Region L or release slot.
7. New Business.
  - a. Joe Whittington request time before the board to discuss water to his property.
  - b. Resolution from Region L Council of Governments (see attached)
  - c. Release \$483.00 in tax valuation for Heritage Bank. See attached letter from C K Murray.
  - d. Review NC League Information
  - e. I need to know how many are attending the Region L Council of Gov. Banquet in order to send the \$15.00 cover charge.

November 06, 1995

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on November 06, 1995 with members Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners David Jordan, Jerry Daniel, Isaac Lewis, Naomi Powell and Bascoe Lewis present. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the invocation was given by Commissioner Isaac Lewis. Mayor Bissette then extended a welcome to all guest present.

The Minutes of the previous meetings were approved as recorded in a motion by Commissioner Isaac Lewis, seconded by Commissioner Powell.

Ms. Diana Strickland ( a wheelchair bound citizen) was present to speak on behalf of all the handicapped in town. Ms. Strickland requested that the town provide access ramps to sidewalks in order for the handicapped to be able to travel with wheelchairs to local businesses. The Mayor informed her that it would be placed on the agenda for December and that the matter would be given consideration, and that standards and costs would be obtained.

Gary Pittman, representing Anthony & Tabb, P.A. was present to give a report on the 1995-96 audit. Pittman stated that Middlesex had a very clean audit and found that nothing was out of compliance according to accounting standards. He stated that the town was in sound financial condition, and that the tax collection rate of 98.95% was excellent.

Utility Supervisor, Sanford Wilson discussed the possibility of Middlesex and Bailey sharing the cost of a Boring Tool which cost approximately \$4475.00. Wilson stated that he had discussed the idea with John Boykin, Bailey's Public Works Director, and he felt it was a good idea. Commissioner Isaac Lewis moved to purchase the tool if Bailey agreed to share half the cost involved, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Jordan and carried unanimously.

Chief Brock was present and gave a report on the activities of the police department for the previous month, he also asked the Board to consider adopting a Concealed Weapons Ordinance.

Commissioner Jordan stated several of the board members had met in Raleigh with FHA to try and resolve the reservations they had about the three proposed lift stations for the Zebulon Sewer Line Project. FHA's Engineers felt that one larger lift station would be sufficient. They also discussed adding the NC 231, and the US264A Sewer Projects to the Zebulon project.

Commissioner Daniel recommended that the Mayor become a part of the Police Commission, no action was taken on the subject.

Commissioner Isaac Lewis stated that he did not have a complete recommendation on a Cemetery Ordinance at this time. Mayor Bisette stated that a sign needed to be erected to identify the cemetery as Hollywood Cemetery.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis stated that he had a quote on the opening of a ditch behind Jimmy Griffen and Doris Lewis property on the railroad right of way. It would take 430' of 42" tile at a cost of \$13,003.20; or 24" tile would cost \$10,620.14.

Commissioner Daniel stated that we should make sure we had approval from the Norfolk Railroad before we progressed on the issue and he felt it would be a good idea to get an engineering firm to look at the issue. No action was taken on the issue of the ditch.

Rhonda Jordan, owner of Rhonda's Flea Market was present and requested that the town repair the floor in the building that she rents from the town. She also requested that the partition off part of the store in order that she may heat it more economically. She was asked the question of whether she would be willing to pay more rent and stated that she could not. Mayor Bisette stated that the matter would be looked into and would have an answer for her by the next meeting.

Due to the resignation of Margaret Holland as Librarian, the clerk requested permission to use that slot as a custodian to clean the town buildings. Commissioner Powell moved to reclassify that position from Librarian to Custodian, and to hire someone to fill the position, her motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried by a majority of 4 to 1 votes with Commissioner Daniel voting no.

Mayor Bissette recognized Joe Whittington who is building a home on Buck Deans Road and requesting water service from the town. Whittington's property is out of town.

John Stone whose property joins Whittington's also stated he was experiencing a shortage of water supply from his well and wanted to be connected to the town's water supply.

The line that would have to be tapped to supply water for Whittington is the one that was paid for by LuHarvey Lewis and Derek Bissette in 1988. Commissioner Jordan moved to supply water to both Whittington and Stone, Jordan's motion was seconded by Commissioner Isaac Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bascoe Lewis moved to release from the tax scroll, \$483.00 in tax valuation for Heritage Bank, due to an error in listing, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to approved a bill submitted by Donnie Liles for surveying work done on the newly constructed streets in the amount of \$4161.00, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Commissioner David Jordan moved to adjust the water bill of Ellen Lewis from \$55.50 to \$36.70, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Powell and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to adopt the attached Resolution to release \$134.90 in Technical Funds back to the Region L Council of Governments, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Bascoe Lewis and carried unanimously.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

*Peggy Bissette*  
Peggy Bissette, Clerk

Mayor Bobby R. Bissette *MB*  
Commissioners David Jordan *DCJ*  
Isaac Lewis *IL*  
Jerry Daniel

Naomi Powell  
Bascoe Lewis *WBL*

**RESOLUTION**

**BY**

**TOWN OF MIDDLESEX**

**NASH COUNTY**

**WHEREAS**, in North Carolina the Lead Regional Organizations, as voluntary organizations serving municipal and county governments, have established productive working relationships with the cities and counties across the state;

**WHEREAS**, the 1995 General Assembly recognized this need through the appropriation of \$864,270 to help the Lead Regional Organizations assist local governments with grant applications, economic development, community development, and to support local industrial development activities and the activities as deemed appropriate by their local governments; and

**WHEREAS**, funds are not intended to be used for payment of member dues or assessments to a Lead Regional Organization or to supplant funds appropriated by the member governments;

**WHEREAS**, in the event that a request is not made by TOWN OF MIDDLESEX for release of these funds to our Regional Council, the available funds will revert to State's general funds; and

**WHEREAS**, in Region L, funds in the amount of \$48,015 will be used to assist local governments with grant applications in support of community development, economic development and industrial development activities and other technical assistance deemed appropriate by the member governments,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the TOWN OF MIDDLESEX, requests the release of its share of these funds, \$134.96, to REGION L COG at the earliest possible time in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 324, House Bill 229, section 9.4 of the 1995 Session Laws.

Witnessed this the 28 day of November, 1995 in \_\_\_\_\_, by:

Bobby R Bissett  
Signature

Peggy Bissett  
Signature of Witness

**ORIGINAL  
SEAL**

Mayor  
Title

Town Clerk  
Title