

March 11, 2002

The Middlesex Governing Body met in regular session on March 11, 2002 in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. Members present were Mayor Bobby R. Bissette, Commissioners Harold Meacombs, Fred Hough, Luke Robinson, Larry Daniel and Bascoe Lewis. Mayor Bissette called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and Commissioner Daniel gave the invocation.

Commissioner Robinson moved to accept the Minutes of the previous meeting as being recorded correctly; his motion was seconded by Commissioner Meacombs and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Meacombs moved to accept the Financial Statements for the month of February as correct, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Mary Davis of Nash Edgcombe Economic Development (NEED) was present and discussed goals for the recruiting in this area for those who needed to be trained for employment and a winterization program for the needy. She asked for any input that might be available from the board.

Chief Ridgway reported to the board on the activities of the police department for the previous month, he further stated that the doors to the entrance of the police building had been repaired.

Jeff Waddell, Utilities Director reported to the board that he had replace two impellers in the lift stations and an immediate improvement was noted in the flow.

Commissioner Daniel stated that work had been completed on the basketball goals at the park and asked for input from other members on how to regulate the playing of basketball. He said that he would try to have some suggestions for rules before the next regular meeting.

Commissioner Hough moved to rent the building vacated by Middlesex Video to Edward Haag for a satellite service at a price of \$300.00 per month, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Daniel moved to get cost estimates on updating the local town ordinances, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The clerk presented materials stating that a Hazard Mitigation Program must be adopted by August 2002 in order to qualify for Federal Disaster Funds and Commissioner Meacombs moved to contract Upper Coast Plain Governments to develop a program using Nash County's Ordinance, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Hough and carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hough moved to submit an application to USDA, Rural Development for funds to help with the I/I problem here, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

The board reviewed a Water Conservation Program presented by Clerk Bissette and set a date of April 8, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. for a Public Hearing on the issue.

Commissioner Hough moved to enter into closed session to discuss the employment of Freda Bailey, his motion was seconded by Commissioner Robinson and carried unanimously.

Once back into open session it was determined that her salary would have to become the responsibility of the town this July and the clerk was given a figure of 2% increase of present salaries to for the upcoming 2002-20003 budget, and agreed to set time aside at the next meeting for first draft of the budget.

Commissioner Rocky Winstead, Town of Bailey was present to discuss the possibility of a recreation program between the two towns.

Being no further business, Commissioner Daniel moved to adjourn.

Peggy Bissette  
Town Clerk

Bobby R. Bissette, Mayor  
Commissioners  
Harold Meacombs  
Fred Hough  
Luke Robinson  
Larry Daniel  
Bascoe Lewis