

**Special Meeting Minutes of the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners
Meeting of November 9, 2020, via Zoom, Highlands, North Carolina**

Town Board Present: Commissioner John Dotson, Commissioner Amy Patterson, Mayor Pro Tempore Donnie Calloway, Commissioner Marc Hehn and Mayor Pat Taylor

Town Board Absent: Commissioner Brian Stiehler

Also Present: Town Manager Josh Ward, Town Attorney Jay Coward, Finance Director Rebecca Shuler, MIS/GIS Director Matt Shuler, Attorney Gabriel DuSablou, Attorney Casey Lide and Town Clerk Gibby Shaheen

1. Meeting Called to Order

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 2:05pm.

2. Adjust and Approve the Agenda

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE CALLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOTSON AND THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

3. Closed Session: Pursuant to NCGS §318.11(a)(6) Personnel Matters

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE CALLOWAY MADE A MOTION TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO NCGS §143-318.11(A)(3): ATTORNEY CLIENT PRIVILEGE & NCGS §143-318.11(A)(4): DISCUSS MATTERS RELATING TO THE LOCATION OR EXPANSION OF INDUSTRIES OR OTHER BUSINESSES IN THE AREA SERVED BY THE PUBLIC BODY TO CONDUCT INTERVIEWS FOR SMART CITIES PROJECT PROPOSALS AT 2:07PM, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER PATTERSON AND THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

ONCE DISCUSSION WAS HELD, COMMISSIONER PATTERSON MADE A MOTION TO GO BACK INTO OPEN SESSION AT 4:52PM, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEHN AND THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

4. Adjournment

AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, COMMISSIONER PATTERSON MOVED TO ADJOURN WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOTSON AND UPON A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE TOWN BOARD ADJOURNED AT 4:52PM.

Patrick Taylor
Mayor

Gilberta B. Shaheen
Town Clerk