

**Special Meeting Minutes of the Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners  
Meeting of August 27, 2021, via Zoom**

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

Town Board Absent: Commissioner Donnie Calloway

Also Present: Town Manager Josh Ward, Town Attorney Jay Coward, Finance Director Rebecca Shuler, Police Chief Andrea Holland and Parks & Recreation Director Lester Norris

**1. Meeting Called to Order**

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order at 3:00pm.

**2. Mask Requirement Discussion**

HCA CEO Tom Neal briefed the Board on the heavy increase of Covid and how it is causing full hospitals, staffing problems and read a letter on behalf of Warren Cabe. Neal also reviewed a Duke study on masking and recommended it be looked at weekly and requested the Board to implement it inside and outside and anytime you can't social distance.

Discussion was held.

MAYOR PRO TEMPORE PATTERSON MADE A MOTION THE TOWN OF HIGHLANDS REQUIRE A MASK MANDATE IN THE COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND WITHIN COMMERCIAL BUSINESSES UNTIL THE CDC TESTING POSITIVITY RATE GOES BELOW 10% EXCEPT FOR THE REASONABLE CONDITIONS, WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER STIEHLER AND THE VOTE WAS UNANIMOUS.

**3. Adjournment**

AS THERE WERE NO FURTHER MATTERS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, MAYOR PRO TEMPORE PATTERSON MOVED TO ADJOURN WHICH WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DOTSON AND UPON A UNANIMOUS VOTE, THE TOWN BOARD ADJOURNED AT 3:50PM.

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Patrick Taylor  
Mayor

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Gilberta B. Shaheen  
Town Clerk