TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

Held their regular monthly meeting on
January 5, 2026 at 7:00 PM
in the Jimmie L. Morris Boardroom

I. Call to order **by Mayor Chad Braxton.**

II. Roll call **Those Present: Mayor Chad Braxton, Alderman Steve Belrose, Alderman Russell Ipock, Alderman Thad Jones, and Alderman Todd McMillen. Those Absent: Alderman Hud Jordan.**

III. Invocation by **Alderman Ipock.**

IV. Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Belrose made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ipock and carried. Vote 4-0.**

VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Jones made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 4-0.**

VII. Public Comment.

No Public Comment.

VIII. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. **Suspect Dominic Connelly was caught and is in custody. The department received a thank you letter from Craven County Sheriff's Office for our assistance during the man hunt. Christmas Tree Lighting was a great success. The Fire Department escorted Santa Claus in on the fire truck. Special thanks to the Vanceboro Fire Department, Maysville Police Department, and Craven County Sheriff's Office for their assistance. We had several wrecks within the town limits over the holidays. I assisted Craven County with a saturation patrol and checkpoint on New Year's Eve. The checkpoint was at Main Street and Streets Ferry Road; it was a great success.**

IX. Mayor's Reports. **Thank you to the Craven County Sheriff Chip Hughes and our Police Chief for the capture of Dominic Connelly. Hope everyone had a Merry**

Christmas and Happy New Year. Birthday this month is Public Works Director, Vernon Edwards. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Vernon Edwards for the passing of his sister, Laura Pugh. Recycling will be picked up on January 30th. The water tank repairs have been completed at the tank on Farm Life Avenue. Thank you to the Police Chief for mailing a card to the Caprara family. Vanceboro Tree Lighting went well, thank the clerk and assistant clerk for their work putting it together. The town hall will be closed on January 19th in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. The next Board of Alderman meeting will be held on February 2nd. The limbs have been removed from the site out at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Ditch mowing throughout town should begin tomorrow. Christmas tree and decorations should be taken down this Friday. I met with representatives from DERPO regarding transportation in town. We still have twelve meters that need to be installed in town, we will have to hire a licensed plumber to assist with the completion of those. The insurance check was mailed out on Monday for the burned-up truck. We should be receiving around $27,000. The interest earned at NC Capital Management Trust this month was $4,737.48. We didn't receive any Debt setoff this month, this should pick up with the tax refunds over the next few months. The chassis still needs to be removed from the lot on Buck Lane where the trailer burned up. West Craven High School Football made it to the 4A State Playoffs this year and finished 12-2 for the season. Thank you to Mrs. Rachel Price and her husband for cleaning up litter. Rivers and Associates will meet with the town once they have their numbers computed regarding the capacity of our Wastewater Treatment Plant. The auditor will be at the next meeting to present our FY24-25 audit. The town is finally caught up in our audit process. Vanceboro Strawberry Festival will be meeting on January 19th in the board room at 5:30 p.m. We received $19,000 in Powell Bill funds this month. I attended the Fire and Rescue Christmas dinner; thank them for all they do for our town and the surrounding areas. The rescue department responded to 1386 calls and the fire department responded to 571 alarms for 2025. Keith Cannon received a 30 year service award and Danny Elks received a 50 year service award. Mrs. Julie Cox has been promoted to Regional Library Director for Craven County. Congratulations to the former director, Katherine Clowers, we wish you the best on your retirement.

X. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Belrose thanked the Chief for the traffic control provided during the Vanceboro Tree Lighting. He inquired if our town trucks had lift gates on them. He asked everyone to keep Dickie Crawford in their prayers.

Alderman Ipock thanked Alderman Belrose for the poinsettias in Vanceboro. He stated there is six houses for sale in town and two were under contract.

Alderman Jones stated that the tree lighting was a great success. He hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas and the best New Year.

Alderman McMillen thanked the clerks for the Christmas party and games; it was a great time. I met with Chris Edwards about installing the basketball rims at the court soon. The grill for the park came in and Chris Edwards will pour a cement pad to go around it. Do we need to purchase a shelter for the side boy-bushhog to protect it? Vernon Edwards will look for a place to put it and stated that it would help the equipment to last longer. He will also check on the price for the shelter.

Alderman Jones stated that we should consider getting a restroom at the park. We would only need one and it could be a unisex bathroom. We would need to look into some type of technology for it to be locked at night.

XI. **There being no further business we dismissed at 7:43 p.m.**

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate record of said minutes.

Chad E. Braxton
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MAYOR

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TOWN CLERK