



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
June 2, 2025 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, Alderman Hud Jordan and Alderman Todd McMillen.**
- III. Invocation by Alderman Jordan.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Belrose made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Jones made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Public Comment.

Doug Jackson – 300 Doug Drive – commented that he received a citation for his grass not being cut and was wondering how it was a detriment to safety. He stated that the street was so bad that the trash truck would not go down there. He has to carry his trash can out to McLawhorn Lane for them to pick it up. This is concerning to him if he needed a fire truck or ambulance, would they be able to get to him.

- VIII. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. **There was an attempt of suicide at Farm Life, the student stabbed a teacher in the hand with a pencil and himself. The student was involuntarily committed to Carolina East Medical Center for evaluation. Animal Control has donated a snare pool and foldable cage to help assist with animals until they can arrive to collect them. Our officers assisted with the Governor Highway Safety check point and saturation patrol, which resulted in several citations being issued. We assisted the County with a suicidal subject that**

had a firearm and was going to shoot himself and the law enforcement. He was taken into custody without incident and transported to the hospital by the Sheriff's Office. I taught BLET class at Craven Community College. I had a chance to speak with students about future employment with the department. The department will be at Farm Life Elementary for summer school from June 6th-19th. The Sheriff's Department will take over as of July 1st.

IX. Mayor's Reports. I'd like to commend Chief Wise for coming into this department and getting things in order and doing a fine job.

The Proposed Budget for FY25-26 includes the following:

- Property taxes – remain the same
- 4% COLA – all employees
- Water & Sewer - \$1 increase on each - \$24 more a year
- Garbage – remain the same
- Repair roof at old jail
- Library - \$4,000 for books, materials, etc.
- Edging/Curbing/Ditch work throughout Town
- Limb removal at permit site – WWTP
- UNC School of Government – Clerk will attend classes to become a State certified clerk for the Town
- Purchase of Bushhog/Side boy for Public Works

The Board of Alderman will be holding the Public Hearing to adopt the FY25-26 budget on June 23rd at 6 p.m. I hope all the mothers had a wonderful Mother's Day last month. I'd like to thank all the US military for their sacrifice to give us freedom. Hope everyone took a moment to honor those that gave it all on Memorial Day. USG Utilities did a trial with five of the new meters here in Town. The installation of the new electronic meters will begin on Monday, June 9th. The prison meter will be switched out in a year from now, due to the size of their meter. We will have a historical marker placed by the stop light on June 12th at 4:00 p.m. to honor Farm Life, being the first agricultural school to open its doors in North Carolina. A light reception will follow at the Town Hall. The water and wastewater plant tours will be on June 16th at 6:00 p.m. The AED is working again at the Town Hall. The follow-up meeting for the Vanceboro Strawberry Festival went well, great feedback with pros and cons for next year's festival. Public Works employee Cornelius Bradley will be celebrating his birthday this month. The next recycling date is 6/19th. The next Board of Alderman meeting will be held 7/7th. The Town Hall had the awning around the building painted. I'd like to congratulate the high school seniors and college graduates of 2025; I hope they will be successful in the future. We will hold a customer portal session here at the town hall once the new meters are installed to help customers to download the app and show them how to monitor their water and etcetera. Paving has been completed throughout town at eleven problem areas. The Town has moved \$1,000,000 over to NC Capital Management Trust to earn more interest for the town. I'd like to thank Alderman Belrose for keeping the flowers at the stop light and the park watered.

X. Alderman Reports.

Alderman McMillen stated that we need to get the extra mulch moved from the park to the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He stated that the park needs more attention placed on pulling weeds and landscaping to make it look more appealing. He thanked Chief Wise for speaking to the driver's education class. The Family Dollar's grass is already looking bad this season.

Alderman Jones has had several residents that stated they appreciated the paving that has been completed in town. He stated that his new neighbor had told him that we had a fine Mayor. He had stopped by and introduced himself and welcomed them to town.

Alderman Ipock asked Public Works Supervisor, Vernon Edwards, if the lift station was working good now? Vernon stated that everything was going well now.

Alderman Belrose should complete the fence soon at the park. The employees need to trim back weed and growth so that the work can begin. The town could probably use some of the leftover mulch to fill in the playground voids.

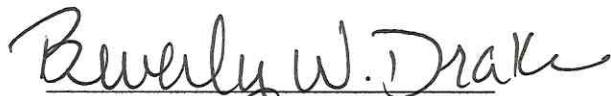
Alderman Jordan had no comment.

XI. There being no further business we dismissed at 7:38 p.m.

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



**CHAD E. BRAXTON
MAYOR**



**BEVERLY W. DRAKE
TOWN CLERK**