



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
July 8, 2019 at 8:00 PM
in the Jimmie L. Morris Boardroom*

- I. Call to order by Mayor Chad Braxton.
- II. Roll call Those Present: Mayor Chad Braxton, Alderman Stephen Belrose, Alderman Keith Cannon (8:12 p.m.), Alderman Todd McMillen, Alderman Dennis Smith and Alderman Billy Whitford.
- III. Invocation by Alderman Smith.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Alderman McMillen made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Whitford and carried. Vote 4-0.
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. Alderman Smith made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 4-0.
- VII. Police Report was presented by Chief Jenkins. We assisted Vanceboro Farm Life Elementary 2nd Graders on a walk around Town. While visiting the bank, post office and Vera's Diner we instructed the kids on crossing the roads safely. Attended a juvenile meeting regarding the law change that will be in effect on December 1st. Attended an internal affairs class in Pitt County. Assisted Craven County Sheriff's Office in a jail search on June 18th. National Night Out / Back to School Bash will be on August 10th from 6 to 9 p.m. The grant we were awarded in 2018 for the oculus and two in-car radios is in process.
- VIII. Mayor's Report. Happy Birthday's this month to Officer Justin Whaley, Alderman Steve Belrose, Mayor Chad Braxton and Alderman Todd McMillen. Hope everyone had a safe and fun July 4th Holiday. Bobby Gaskins of the Vanceboro community passed away, our condolences and prayers go out to his family. Attended the West Craven High School graduation. Congratulations to my daughter, Sydney Braxton, this year's Valedictorian, Way to Go Sydney! Sent a letter and a Town Seal to Representative Keith Kidwell – N. C. House of Representatives 79th District to request monies to help with different projects going on in Town. By doing so, we were awarded \$50,000 to be spent on the Richard W. Bowers' Park. If you are a registered Republican, please don't forget to vote on July 9th. The winner in this election will face off against Democrat Allen Thomas in the November election. The

Boardroom door and the antenna at the Water Treatment Plant have been repaired. The NC Division of Highways has patched Bailey Lane. We collected \$223 in the Debt Setoff program this month. The AIA Grant is underway for the Town, they are locating the sewer lines and collecting information, this should be completed over the next few weeks. Met with a planner from the N. C. Department of Transportation regarding the 2019 Bicycle & Pedestrian Planning Grant Initiative. Grass season is upon us and we ask residents to keep their yards mowed and looking nice. Once a property is posted for an ordinance violation, the owner has 15 days to comply, if not the Town will hire someone to mow the lawn, at this point it will be added to the property taxes. Spoke with Samantha Burdick, Eastern Carolina Council; regarding a Resiliency plan from Hurricane Florence, most of the information didn't apply to the Town directly. The Police Department was awarded a grant for \$24,000 to purchase Oculus, and two in-car radios. The Town was awarded \$20,000 from Craven County to be used to expand the Richard W. Bower's Education & Fitness Park. Anthony Wright, former graduate of West Craven High School and retired NFL player, was shot a week ago and is recovering from his injuries. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Thank you to Alderman Smith and Alderman McMillen for replacing the shingles at the library. Craven County will be implementing the new recycling plan on October 1st. Each resident should receive a 96 gallon cart, recyclables should be picked up once per month and it will cost \$60 per year. Attended the CRC meeting -- if you are interested in a career they have twelve vacancies open at this time.

IX. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Belrose attended the Municipal Day at the Tuscarora Landfill. It was neat to see how it is managed and how the process works.

Alderman Cannon had no comment.

Alderman McMillen is collecting information for Phase II of the park (playground sets with climbing capabilities, slide and swings).

Alderman Smith had no comment.

Alderman Whitford attended the Vanceboro Ruritan Club's 25 years of service to the Vanceboro community. It was nice to see how they specialize in helping people in our community with multiple disasters they face. If you have any items to donate, that would be a great resource to give to.

X. Public Comment.

No Public Comments.

XI. Adjournment.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 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