



# ***TOWN OF VANCEBORO***

## **BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING**

*Held their regular monthly meeting on  
March 2, 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, Alderman Hud Jordan, and Alderman Todd McMillen.**
- III. Invocation by **Alderman Belrose**.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Jordan made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ipock 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.  
  
**Mr. Nate Shepard – Food Lion – Charitable Event Coordinator – stated that he was the coordinator for charitable events for Food Lion and they would be willing to help with events for the Town.**
- VIII. Harvest Beam. **Mrs. Jessica Fuolo, CEO of Harvest Beam, stated that they were approved for a state grant to help provide broadband for the Vanceboro area. She will be holding another focus group here in the town hall on March 21<sup>st</sup> from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.**
- IX. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. **We have had some breaking and entering buildings and our old jail. I assisted the SRO with lock-down at the school and helped on awards day. AEDs at the town hall are repaired and working. There are additional ones at the police department and an extra for the officer working their shift. I spoke with the BLET class at Craven Community College and the driver**

education class at West Craven High School. I'm working on setting up a CPR/AED class for the town employees.

X. Mayor's Reports. Seargent Winnings is celebrating a birthday this month. I am grateful that my uncle's life was spared the other day. We sent someone to the town hall to get the AED and it helped save his life that day. I encourage other businesses in town to invest in AEDs. I attended Overflow Worship Center's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, thank you for all they do in our community. Global Methodist Church will be building a Ministry Center in town; this will be great for the community. If you know of any girls aged 4 to 18 that would be interested in participating in the Vanceboro Strawberry Festival Pageant, they can get a form from the town hall. They will have a interest meeting for the pageant on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. March 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. we will have our next Strawberry Festival meeting. The Town hall will be closed on April 3<sup>rd</sup> in observance of Good Friday. The next Board of Alderman meeting will be on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Next recycling pickup will be March 26<sup>th</sup>. Early voting will be at 6:30 a.m. in the morning. Come out and vote. Thank you to Alderman McMillen for his work on getting the basketball court restriped. The light pole has been changed out beside the Police department. There are seven homes for sale in Vanceboro. The home on College Street has sold. Credle's Lawn Care is doing a great job with the cemeteries for the town. Public Works Director, Vernon Edwards, is on a much-needed vacation. We are still waiting on numbers from Rivers and Associates regarding the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

XI. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Jordan had no comment.

Alderman Belrose wanted to know if the contractors carry insurance to cover the plants that were destroyed out at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Hats off to Chad, Perry and Marshall for saving Mike's life.

Alderman Ipock thanked Chad for his heroic effort in saving his Uncle Mike's life.

Alderman Jones thanked Chad for his effort. Can we place a camera at the graveyard to see who has been removing grass from a grave there?

Alderman McMillen stated that the basketball court has been completed with its new striping. I met with Lukas Landscaping, and they will focus on trees against the brick wall. They will also clean up the area and place pine straw to make it look better. Connex has not sent any quotes or anything for the bathroom at the park. We will look into building a single bathroom for the park and get some help from Alderman Jones. We can apply for a grant for half the cost, and pay the other half on the upcoming budget. Public Works employee Chris Edwards will be pouring the cement for our grill for the park. The park on Farm Life Avenue could be converted to a dog park.

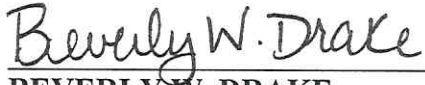
Mayor Braxton thanked all our Fire and Rescue (volunteers and paid staff) for all of their hard work. Our first budget workshop will be held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

(Meal will be provided). The Board of Alderman will tour the old jail for the town on May 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.

XII. There being no further business we dismissed at 7:45 p.m.

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

  
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CHAD B. BRAXTON  
MAYOR

  
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BEVERLY W. DRAKE  
TOWN CLERK