



TOWN OF VANCEBORO

BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

*Held their regular monthly meeting on
July 6, 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 Ipock**.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Ipock made a motion to approve minutes. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen 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 Jordan and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Public Comment.

Janice Dixon – 1655 Wilmar Road – stated that Show Some Love 2 would be hosting a get together at the lot beside Kite's Supermarket on October 3rd at 1 p.m. This event will be free to our community; there will be bouncy houses and food for everyone. If anyone would like to volunteer their time to help or donate food, please let them know.

- VIII. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. **We purchased our building from Speedy Sheds for storage. I met with the Oaks Management regarding juvenile issues. Farm Life Elementary was broken into, an adult and a juvenile have been charged in this incident. Traffic has been heavy in town on weekends due to the beach traffic. We have had several calls on careless and reckless drivers and speeding. Corporal Johnson helped administer CPR on an individual on Dawson Lane. Officer White assisted Department of Social Services with different incidents**

involving juveniles and older adults. We are preparing for Vanceboro Night Out, our projected date for the event will be September 18th.

IX. Mayor's Reports. The Town collected \$174.34 in Debt Setoff this month. NC Capital Management Trust Interest was \$4,400.24 this month. Lauren Wargo from Duke Energy met this month regarding power for the Town. Duke Energy has several programs available to help residents throughout the community. Hope everyone had a safe and fun-filled Fourth of July, celebrating our 250th year. Birthdays this month include: Alderman Steve Belrose, Mayor Chad Braxton and Alderman Todd McMillen. Our hearts and prayers go out to resident Sharon Craft on the loss of her granddaughter Calli. The next Board of Alderman meeting will be held on August 3rd. Next recycling will be July 16th. The prison's water meter has been installed; everything went well during the process. The Town adopted the budget on June 29th. The budget includes: 4% COLA, no increases in the tax rate, no fund balance was used, future sewer rehab money set aside. Public works department has cleaned up vines around the park; they still need to weed-eat around the grill at the park. We have six houses available for sale in town. We will be getting a quote for a fence around the park on Farm Life Avenue to possibly turn this area into a dog park. The porta john at the park is working out well, Craven Ag Services has been doing a great job keeping it clean each week. Our Consumer Confidence Report is available online at: vanceboronc.com. Pre-K registration is open at Farm Life Elementary. NC House of Representative Steve Tyson was able to include in the state budget \$250K for paving on Farm Life Avenue for the Town of Vanceboro. The town will keep pursuing help for funding for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. The stop light had been changed and we were receiving complaints; they have since fixed it back and it is working well. We are accepting sealed bids for our side boy/bush hog through July 31st. Thank you to Alderman Belrose for placing the 250th Celebration flags at the stop light, the park and the town hall. The Vanceboro Strawberry festival committee met and discussed plans to move the upcoming festival down Farm Life Avenue this year. We have the Band of Oz scheduled for the festival this coming year and they will be set up next to the railroad tracks. The rides and parking will still be in the field at Vanceboro Elementary School. Duke Energy is looking for somewhere to place a car charging station in town. Thank you to Robert Ipock for spraying the yellow jackets at the playground. The prison maintenance contract has been signed. Unity in the Community service went well on July 5th. Alderman Ipock will attend the MPO Meeting on July 22nd at the Convention Center.

X. Alderman Reports.

Alderman McMillen commended the Mayor for his persistence with funding for the Farm Life Avenue paving from the State. Persistence paid off with the prison water also. The Mayor is constantly picking up litter throughout town, I truly appreciate all he does. I will get an estimate for fencing at the dog park.

Alderman Jones carried the drawing for the bathroom to two plumbing companies for quotes. We received a quote for \$10K and one for \$3500. We may want to reach

out to a company to do a turn key package, to make the whole project easier. The bathroom will require a P1 licensed plumber. A permit from Craven County will be required for the electricity and plumbing.

Alderman Ipock stated that on July 4th he was passed by a person in the middle lane by the car wash. The police saw it and immediately pulled them over; it was great to see them out doing a great job. Have we heard anything about the ditch work throughout town? Mayor Braxton will follow up with someone about completing this work.

Alderman Belrose stated that he had No Access signs made for the wood gate at the park. If anyone is interested in the 250th Celebration décor at the stoplight or at the town hall, they are more than welcome to have it.

Alderman Jordan attended the Opioid Meeting with Craven County. They were allotted \$11,000,000 this year to help with the opioid crisis. They have resources available to those that need it.

XI. Clerk.

Engagement Letter – Beverly Stroud CPA PLLC – Alderman Jordan made a motion to sign the engagement letter with Beverly Stroud CPA. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.

Allowable Costs Policy – Alderman Jordan made a motion to adopt the Allowable Costs Policy. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 5-0.

Conflict of Interest Policy – Alderman Jones made a motion to adopt the Conflict-of-Interest Policy. Motion was seconded by Alderman Ipock and carried. Vote 5-0.

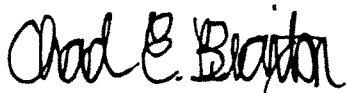
Non-discrimination Policy – Alderman McMillen made a motion to adopt the Non-discrimination Policy. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.

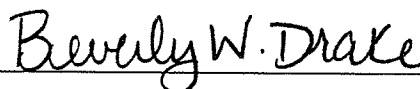
Procurement Policy – Alderman Jordan made a motion to adopt the Procurement Policy. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.

Internal Control Policy (Financial) – Alderman Jordan made a motion to adopt the Internal Control Policy. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jones and carried. Vote 5-0.

XII. There being no further business we dismissed at 8:04 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