



# TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MINUTES

110 West Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina, 27306  
April 4, 2017

The Mount Gilead Board of Commissioners met at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Gilead Fire Department, 106 East Allenton Street, Mount Gilead, North Carolina for the regular monthly business meeting.

PRESENT: Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley; Commissioners: Paula Covington, Branson Webb, and Mitch Taylor

STAFF PRESENT: Town Manager Matthew Christian, Town Clerk Mary H. Lucas, Asst. Town Clerk Lessie Jackson, Maintenance Director Daniel Medley, Police Chief Patrick Preslar,

CALL TO ORDER – Mayor Pro-Tem Tim McAuley  
MOMENT OF SILENCE  
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ITEM I. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:  
Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to adopt the agenda as presented.  
Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded the motion and it was carried.

ITEM II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:  
No previous minutes to approve

ITEM III. PRESENTATIONS, PROCLAMATIONS, RECOGNITIONS, AWARDS  
Police Chief Patrick Preslar present 2 awards to Sgt. Jason Hensley and Officer Daniel Schober for their acts of bravery in the line of duty to assist in some tragic events that had occurred in the Town of Mount Gilead.

Town Manager Matthew Christian introduced a new employee to the maintenance Department (as of September 2016), Cody Caviness. Caviness stated he appreciated the opportunity to work for the Town of Mount Gilead

ITEM IV. PUBLIC COMMENT  
Jones Almond: Stated that in an earlier meeting the board had reference to the paying of 100% percent of health insurance for the employees. Almond recommended that the Board look at other local businesses to see if they pay a percentage or the full amount on their employees.

Also Mr. Almond had a concern about the Board raising sewer rates based on the number of customers. This could cause the rates go higher than projected and we need to considers the older citizens.

ITEM V. CONSENT AGENDA

ITEM VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS

ITEM VII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Wastewater Grant Recommendation

Town Manager Matthew Christian stated that at the last meeting that a packet on the Grant recommendation was for review. No more or new information at this time. Town Manager stated that he would try to answer any questions by the board. And that he would meet with Mr. Jones Almond to discuss his concerns.

ITEM VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Senate Bill 343 Discussion

Senate Bill 343\* states:

A bill to be entitled an act to modernize publication of legal advertisements and notices, require internet web site publication of legal notices, allow the governing boards of counties and cities to opt to provide for public notices to be given electronically, and allow counties to opt to post legal advertisement and notices on the county we site for a fee with monies collected to be used for local supplements for teacher salary and other county needs.

This bill causes concern with the new regulations of Public Notice Requirements. In the past counties and cities have always published notices through the local newspaper. These new regulations could jeopardize the Montgomery Herald. The County Board has Already opposed this bill and will be passing a formal resolution adoption in the next month. After some discussion the Town Board passed a formal Resolution #2017-002 opposing Senate Bill #343.

Commissioner Paula Covington made the motion to approve and pass Resolution #2017-002 opposing the Senate Bill #343. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded the motion and it was carried.

ITEM IX. CLOSED SESSION

ITEM X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Branson Webb made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Mitch Taylor seconded the motion and it was carried.

  
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Tim McAuley, Mayor Pro-Tem

  
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Mary H. Lucas, Town Clerk

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## TOWN OF MOUNT GILEAD – RESOLUTION ORDER NO. 2017-002

### RESOLUTION BY THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS IN OPPOSITION TO SENATE BILL 343, *INCREASE TEACHER SUPPLEMENT/ELECTRONIC NOTICE.*

**WHEREAS**, it is the responsibility and obligation of all levels of government to be transparent, forthcoming, and to do its utmost to inform residents of the actions, laws, and intentions of governing bodies;

**WHEREAS**, the longstanding legal requirements for public notices are deeply entrenched into our society and print journalism remains the most trusted, respected, and judiciously self-governed form of news delivery to the people of North Carolina, especially in rural areas of the state;

**WHEREAS**, in disadvantaged rural counties internet access is often inferior, inconsistent, or often all together unavailable, and the costs of monthly internet access can exceed the cost of a monthly newspaper subscription;

**WHEREAS**, there is nothing which prevents governing bodies from using governmental websites for notification in addition to print notification;

**WHEREAS**, the proposed legislation places unnecessary regulations on local newspapers, which are undermine the freedom of the press as established in the United States Constitution;

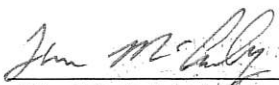
### **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT**, the Mount Gilead Board Commissioners is opposed to any legislation which weakens the foundations of the Constitution and the rights of the people to be notified in a best and most recognizable and accessible manner available, at the most reasonable cost, and in a medium which has proven to be the most trustworthy, unbiased, and separate from the control of governing bodies.

SO RESOLVED, this the 4<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017

ATTEST:

  
Mary Lucas, Town Clerk

  
Tim McAuley, Mayor Pro-Tem

