

Town of New London
Board of Commissioner's Meeting
Public Hearing
December 3, 2024

Mayor Tate Daniels welcomed everyone and opened the Commissioner's Meeting. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Richard Kimmer, Bill Peak, Timothy Higgins, Sid Lanier and incoming Commissioner Bob Loflin, Jr. Mrs. Almond was absent from the meeting. Visitors present at the meeting were Mitzie Lanier, John & Cathy Kimmer. Also present were Debbie Bennet, Pamela Sullivan, Joy Richardson and Sandy Glaspell from Stanly County Senior Services.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Kimmer.

Mayor Tate Daniels administered the Oaths of Office to the re-elected officials, Commissioner Bill Peak and Commissioner Richard Kimmer and to the newly elected official, Commissioner Bob Loflin.

Outgoing Commissioner Johnny Chestnut was absent from the meeting, but Mayor Daniels recognized him for his years of service as a Commissioner of the Town of New London.

The Town Board discussed the following Appointment of Commissioner's Duties:

Museum:	Commissioner Lanier
Water/Sewer:	Commissioner Peak
Street/Street Lights:	Commissioner Kimmer
Zoning:	Commissioner Loflin

Confirm Board Meeting Date & Time: Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to continue the Board Meeting on the first Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the New London Community Center, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Commissioner Lanier made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Peak. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Daniels asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes from the November meeting. There being no corrections, Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment- None

Mayor Daniels opened the Public Hearing. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to consider the proposed text amendments to Article 5, 8, 10 & 15 to change references of R-10 & R-15 to GR (General Residential) and R-20 to NR (Neighborhood Residential) in the Zoning Ordinance. The Town Board adopted text amendments to Article 4 in July of this year but missed changing the references to R-20, R-15 and R-10 that needed updating in other articles within the Zoning Ordinance. There being no further discussion, Mayor Daniels closed the Public Hearing and reconvened the Commissioner's Meeting.

Decision Regarding Proposed Text Amendments- Commissioner Peak made a motion to approve the proposed text amendment changing the references of R-10 & R-15 to GR and R-20 to NR in Articles 5, 8, 10 & 15 of the Zoning Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.

Stanly County Senior Nutrition Program- Mrs. Pam Sullivan did a presentation on the need for a distribution location for meals on wheels in the northern part of Stanly County. Mrs. Sullivan and her team have toured the New London Community Center and are also reviewing a few other sites in Northern Stanly County to determine the best location to serve the senior community. They currently distribute meals Monday – Friday from 9:00 – 1:00 from community centers in Locust, Norwood and Albemarle. Seniors that sign up ahead of time with the Stanly County Nutrition Department would be able to eat lunch at the community center during the week. The county would assign an individual to oversee the distribution of meals and ensure the community center was cleaned daily. A senior nutrition survey will be distributed to Northern Stanly County residents to gauge interest and feedback.

Following discussion, Commissioner Kimmer made a motion to proceed with the senior services meal distribution from the New London Community Center if the site meets the qualifications, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Sullivan will keep us updated as more information becomes available when they select the site.

Sewer Report- Everything is operating normally. Chambers Engineering is performing an assessment of the sewer system that will be used for the LGC's inquiry about the water-sewer capital assets condition ratio.

Street Update- Commissioner Kimmer reported that there is a problem with the asphalt sinking on Skyline Drive. That area has been patched in the past due to water line leaks damaging the asphalt.

Museum Update- Commissioner Lanier noted that Calvin & Rebecca Gaddy worked at the museum this past Sunday.

Mayor Daniels reported on the following:

- Santa in the Park- Friday, December 6th from 6pm-8pm.
- Vacuum Leaf Collection- Waste Management will be vacuuming leaves on Monday, December 9th. A reminder call was sent to town residents.
- Planning Board & Board of Adjustment Meeting Schedule 2025- The Planning Board currently meets the 3rd Monday of each month (as needed) at 3pm. The Board of Adjustment meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month (as needed) at 7pm. Commissioner Peak made a motion to keep the meeting schedule the same for the Planning Board and Board of Adjustment, seconded by Commissioner Higgins. Motion carried unanimously.
- Rocky River Rural Planning Organization- TAC (Technical Advisory Committee- Elected Officials) Representative & Alternate- Commissioner Loflin made a motion for Commissioner Peak to continue as the Representative with Commissioner Kimmer as alternate, seconded by Commissioner Lanier. Motion carried unanimously.

- Rocky River Rural Planning Organization- TCC (Technical Coordinating Committee)
Representative & Alternate: Commissioner Loflin made a motion for Mrs. Almond to continue as the Representative with Mayor Daniels as alternate, seconded by Commissioner Kimmer. Motion carried unanimously.
- COG Meeting Update- The meeting was hosted by the City of Albemarle at their Pfeiffer University location. Mr. Brian Taylor, State Fire Marshal, gave an informative presentation on the swift water rescue center that is being constructed at the Stanly County Airport. This 87-million dollar investment will be a first class facility that includes an aircraft training simulator and white water center to perform swift water rescue training.
- Fire Department Appreciation Meal- Monday, December 16th at 6pm at the New London Volunteer Fire Department.

The agenda being accomplished, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.
Minutes submitted by Susan Almond, Town Manager.