

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, February 21, 2019
Commissioners Room
5:30 p.m.**

Board Members present: Mayor Johnson, Commissioners Johnston, Day, Ferguson, Goforth, and Hall.

Staff present: Interim Town Manager-Public Works Director Dale Shumate, Town Clerk Debra Pearson, NWPD Officer Brad Mathis, Finance Officer Connie Bauguess, Town Attorney Gary Vannoy, Fire Chief Jimmy Martin and Curt Hayes, Building Inspector.

Others Present: Marty McGee-reporter for Wilkes JP.

Absent: None.

- * Call to order – Mayor Robert Johnson.
- * Invocation – Mayor Robert Johnson
- * Pledge of Allegiance – Mayor Robert Johnson

Additions or Deletions to the Agenda:

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Agenda Items:

1. Call for a Special Meeting for Personnel matters- *The North Wilkesboro Town Board accepted the resignation letter of Town Manager Larry South. This was carried out in Special Meeting. Mayor Robert opened the Special Meeting by introducing a resignation letter addressed to North Wilkesboro Town Attorney Gary Vannoy. Mayor Johnson read the letter to the board in the open meeting resigning Town Manager Larry South had written stating it had been an honor to serve as Town Manager, and thanked the citizens, businesses and friends he'd worked with during his time in North Wilkesboro. He stated the date of February 19, 2019 as his last date of service. Motion to accept and approve the letter of resignation was made by Commissioner Angela Day and seconded by Commissioner Joe Johnston. Motion unanimously carries. A severance package for Mr. South was also approved with motion to approve made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Ferguson. Motion unanimously carries.*

At this time the Mayor opened the floor for the board to discuss an interim Manager. The board appointed Public Service Director Dale Shumate as interim Town Manager until a replacement can be found. Commissioner Ferguson made the motion to appoint Mr. Shumate with Commissioner Johnston seconding that motion. Motion unanimously carries. Commissioner Johnston remarked that Dale is a great person to lead until we can find a replacement and that Dale has 100% support of the board. Dale thanked the board for their support and said he would need the Board's help.

Commissioner Ferguson wished to mention that an interim Town Manager has been recommended by Mr. Rob Shepherd with the NCLM, to Commissioner Ferguson. That person is Mr. Ed Evans, a former Town Manager of Blowing Rock, . It is the consensus of the board to contact and interview Mr. Evans. Commissioner Ferguson said this could be discussed further at the Board Retreat Saturday, February 23, 2019.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Hall made a motion to adjourn. Mayor Johnson declared the Special Board Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

_____ TOWN CLERK _____ MAYOR

APPROVED: _____

