

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in regular session December 13, 2011 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall.

**Board Present**

Mayor Huell Aekins  
Commissioner Ann Long  
Commissioner Joseph Dixon  
Commissioner John Nunnery  
Commissioner Raymond Edwards  
Commissioner Johnny Lanthorn

**Visitors**

Mr. John Jackson, Town Attorney  
Mrs. Denise Sykes, JPB  
Mr. Donovan McLaurin, JPB  
Judge Robert Stiehl, III  
Reverend Herbert Young, Bluff Church  
Reverend Joe Hickson, Center Baptist Church  
Approximately 25 Wade Citizens & Board Family Members

Mayor Huell Aekins called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone in attendance. Reverend Joe Hickson opened the meeting with prayer.

**Agenda Adoption**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Minutes**

Commissioner Long made a motion seconded by Commissioner Edwards to approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2011 regular session. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports**

Commissioner Dixon made a motion seconded by Commissioner Lanthorn to approve the Reports as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Water Department**

Commissioner Nunnery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Long to approve the November Water Report as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**Agenda Business Items**

**Speakers from the Floor**

Mayor Aekins informed the Board that no one had signed up to address the Board under the Speakers from the Floor agenda item.

**Special Presentation**

Mayor Aekins commended Commissioner Ann Long for her 24 years of service to the Town as a Board Member. He congratulated and thanked her for her accomplishments and hard work. Mayor Aekins asked that Commissioner Long continue her tireless efforts for the

Town and its citizens even though she would no longer be on the Board. Mayor Aekins then presented Commissioner Long with an engraved clock and a gift of appreciation from the Town. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett read a Resolution of Appreciation in honor of Commissioner Long and her years of service. She presented a framed copy of the Resolution to Commissioner Long. Commissioner Long thanked the Mayor and Board Members and made remarks to the Council and to all in attendance.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Long made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn the business session of the 2009-2011 Wade Town Council. The motion passed unanimously.

### **2011-2013 Wade Town Council – Oaths of Office**

Cumberland County District Court Judge Robert Stiehl, III addressed the Board Members and their families. He stated that the Town of Wade was very dear to him and that it was an honor for him to administer the Oaths to the Board. He then proceeded to administer the Oath of Office to Commissioner Joseph Dixon, Commissioner Raymond Edwards, Commissioner Noelle Kendrick, Commissioner Johnny Lanthorn and Commissioner John Nunnery for the 2011-2013 term. Judge Stiehl congratulated the newly sworn in Board Members. Judge Stiehl then administered the Oath of Office to Mayor Huell Aekins for the 2011-2013 term and also congratulated him on his accomplishment.

Mayor Aekins called the 2011-2013 Wade Town Council to order.

### **Charge to Council**

Reverend Herbert Young of Bluff Church presented the charge to the Board. Reverend Young offered encouragement to the Board. He presented statements from past Presidents and other esteemed Americans affirming the fact that our government as a whole was founded on Godly principles. He encouraged the Board to take these statements to heart and to keep them in mind as they made decisions for the Town of Wade and its citizens.

### **Benediction**

Reverend Herbert Young of Bluff Church closed the ceremony in prayer and offered a blessing over the refreshments.

### **Announcements**

Mayor Aekins welcomed new Board Member Commissioner Noelle Kendrick. He stated that both he and the other Board Members were looking forward to working with her over the next two years. Mayor Aekins encouraged all of those in attendance to stay and enjoy the delicious refreshments prepared by Mrs. Brenda Lanthorn.

### **Adjournment**

Commissioner Nunnery made a motion seconded by Commissioner Dixon to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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Huell Aekins, Mayor

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Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk