

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
TOWN OF KERNERSVILLE, N.C.
JOINT SPECIAL SESSION WITH THE
FORSYTH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 11, 2010**

The Board of Aldermen of the Town of Kernersville met in special session at 11:00 A.M. on the above date in the Municipal Council Chambers at the Kernersville Municipal Building, 134 East Mountain Street.

Board of Aldermen Present: Mayor Dawn Morgan, Aldermen Keith Mason, Tracey Shifflette and Bob Prescott.

Members Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Bugg and Alderman Dana Caudill Jones.

Forsyth County Commissioners Present: Chairman David Plyler, Vice-Chairman Debra Conrad, Commissioners Ted Kaplan, Richard Linville, Walter Marshall and Gloria Whisenhunt.

Commissioners Absent: Commissioner Beaufort Bailey.

Staff Members Present: Town Manager Curtis Swisher, Town Clerk Dale Martin, County Manager Dudley Watts, External Communications Jane Cole.

Call to order and invocation.

Mayor Morgan called the meeting to order and the Reverend Clark Vincent from First Presbyterian Church delivered the invocation.

Mayor Morgan welcomed everyone and asked each member to introduce themselves.

1. The Kernersville Board of Aldermen will participate in the Forsyth County Listening Tour with the Forsyth County Commissioners.

Mayor Morgan explained that the purpose of this meeting is to provide an opportunity for the two Boards to get together for an informal discussion regarding issues in our community.

Mayor Morgan stated that there are a number of things that Kernersville has been involved in that needed help from our County Commissioners. She added that we are mindful of budget constraints that we are all operating under. She stated that one thing that we may need the Commissioner's help with is the hospital and the rising awareness of emergency services.

Mayor Morgan noted the Town's desire to supplement services provided by EMS through an increase in training of our fire fighters.

Dudley Watts, Forsyth County Manager explained the protocol in which they operate under for first responders and asked if the Town is looking to go in that direction. Mayor Morgan explained that the Town's desire is to supplement what we already have when situations arise. The group discussed response times and certification levels for both municipalities needed to improve the level of service provided to our residents.

Mayor Morgan noted the opening of the hospital and asked for any long term plans. Dave Plyler, Chairman of the County Commissioners, stated that the Village of Clemmons may be in this same situation which may prompt changes in protocol. Mr. Watts explained that the responders would take the patient to the closest appropriate facility. He explained that they are looking at where ambulance units are located and trying to establish statistics on locations of calls and then develop models for response times. This is a new way of looking at this and it may change our reactions.

Mayor Morgan then reported on the Town's effort to combat gang activity and graffiti cleanup.

Alderman Tracey Shifflette reported that she served on the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board previously and explained their efforts in establishing a greenway in Kernersville. She asked if the County's plans for greenways are still on track. Commissioner Plyler reported that they have plans but don't have any money for development. He reported on their efforts to obtain grant money. Mr. Watts reported on the money received and which projects were funded. Commissioners Plyler stated that he would like to see this greenway go all the way to Greensboro. Commissioner Marshall also supported this project.

Commissioner Plyler stated that this is a "listening tour" and it is important that we communicate with Kernersville. It's good to see people in attendance that are interested in what's going on in town.

Mayor Morgan thanked the Commissioners for their past support and asked that the Commissioners take into consideration Kernersville's Land Use plan when considering land development issues in the county areas surrounding Kernersville. Commissioner Plyler stated that this is another reason to have good dialogue between us.

Alderman Keith Mason added that he appreciates this opportunity to discuss issues with the County Commissioners. He asked about the status of the County's discussion in regard to the Town taking over the Old Valley School Road/Kernersville Lake Park. Mr. Richard Linville stated that there was some discussion around that but the Commissioners never got to the point where that needed to be done and further noted that this park is widely used by the county residents.

Alderman Bob Prescott also thanked everyone for coming and commended everyone for the great dialogue. He stated that we have a lot going on in Kernersville and asked the Commissioners to keep Kernersville in mind when making decisions.

Alderman Prescott also asked if the County has any plans for things in Kernersville that will benefit the Town.

Commissioner Plyler noted the renovations to the Library. He stated that libraries generally take a back seat to emergency services but they have talked about improvements here in Kernersville. Mr. Watts added that the County's plans are to include improvements in the 2017-2018 budget year. He also noted that the Kernersville Library is one of the most utilized libraries.

Commissioner Walter Marshall asked if Kernersville has given any thought to funding officers in your schools. Mr. Swisher stated that we do provide SRO's in our schools. He explained that the school system pays the Officer's salary, however; we provide the car and all other equipment. Mr. Watts and Mr. Swisher continued to discuss how the contracts were administered.

Commissioner Ted Kaplan asked what the Town's population expectations are for the new FedEx and hospital facilities. Mayor Morgan stated that this facility will be great for Kernersville and we do expect our population to grow because of them. Mr. Swisher presented projections of the expected new jobs these facilities will create. Commissioner Kaplan stated that this will affect our schools and other services provided by the County.

Commissioner Kaplan expressed a citizen's interest in having a Triathlon in Forsyth County. He stated that Kernersville Lake Park is the only lake big enough however; you can't swim in this lake. He asked if there is some way that our two Parks Departments can work together on this event. Mr. Swisher stated that he has already spoken with Commissioner Plyler about that. He stated that Kernersville Lake Park on Old Valley School Road is controlled by the County. He explained some of the issues that would have to be resolved but stated that the Town would be interested in working with Forsyth County on such an event.

Commissioner Gloria Whisenhunt thanked the Town for hosting this event and that it is always an honor to come to Kernersville.

Commissioner Debra Conrad also thanked the Town for hosting this event and encouraged more meetings like this. She commented on Triad Park and a desire to expand this park as opportunities become available for the benefit of residents of Kernersville in the future.

Harvey Pulliam, 415 Holt Street, Kernersville, NC – thanked the Board members for coming out as this is important. He noted the tight budgets that we are working with and reminded them of people's problems paying property taxes. We need to take care of our needs and delay our wants. He expressed his desire to have elections-at-large.

Commissioners Whisenhunt and Conrad left the meeting at approximately 11:52 AM.

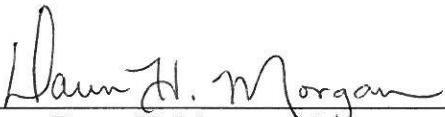
Resident, Kernersville, NC – stated that he is compelled to bring up property tax increases. He noted a difference in what our Tax Assessors are saying and what is reality. He expressed a concern with the Tax Assessors not coming up with real values. He had two separate appraisals done on his property while refinancing his mortgage. Both appraisals were significantly lower than the County's value of his property. A number of his neighbors have all appealed their reevaluation as well. He noted that other Counties across the Country have brought their property values down given the current state of the economy. He asked for the Commissioners plan to

bring this back to reality. Most of the homes in his neighborhood are selling 10% to 15% lower than tax value.

Chairman Plyler stated that the Commissioners hope to do this again. This open dialogue is good for our community.

2. Adjournment.

Being no further discussion, Mayor Morgan adjourned the meeting at 11:55 AM.



Dawn H. Morgan, Mayor

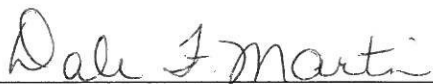
Attest:



Dale F. Martin, Town Clerk

I, Dale F. Martin, Town Clerk of the Town of Kernersville, North Carolina, do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Joint Meeting duly held on February 11, 2010.

This the 10 day of May, 2010.



Dale F. Martin, CMC, Town Clerk