

MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
August 7, 2025-----7:00 PM
REGULAR MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Wood, Commissioner Vogt, Commissioner Lee, and Commissioner Horne

STAFF PRESENT

Connie Veeder/Town Clerk, Whitney Barlow, Chief Jackson, and Attorney Donald Hudson

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Jones led the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Commissioner Lee made a motion to accept the August 7, 2025 proposed agenda and Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to adopt the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a.) Approval of July 10, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes
- b.) Approval of July 18, 2025 – Emergency Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Wood made a motion to adopt the July 10th Regular Meeting Minutes and the July 18th Emergency Meeting Minutes. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the board.

PRESENTATIONS – None

PUBLIC HEARING- None

PUBLIC COMMENT –

Junior Campbell spoke to the board about the potential sell of the Town's well lot located on Atwood Terrace. Mr. Campbell stated that they wanted to purchase the property due to the fact that it connects to their existing property. He also stated that the building over the well is outdated and the roof has caved. Mayor Jones stated that the board would discuss this matter.

OLD BUSINESS

- a) Fire Flow Update for Creekside- The Meyers Engineering firm will be helping with this project.
- b) Update on KRG Sewer Repair- The town is continuing the process of finding funding for the repair of the sewer.

- c) Update on Alcohol Sales Referendum- Attorney explained to the board that the Board of Elections contacted the UNC School of Government and received information from them that the town could not add the alcohol referendum to the election ballot due to the state legislature not giving the town permission to add an act to an election ballot. The only vote that needs to be made is the vote to change the town charter to keep or remove the Section 8 Prohibition listed in the charter. Commissioner Lee stated that he would like to town to move forward with the approval of the resolution to give businesses in town the same opportunity as other businesses in the county. Commissioner Vogt agreed. Mayor Jones stated that he thinks it will bring trouble to the town.

NEW BUSINESS –

- a.) Approve Meyers Engineering, PLLC for On-Call Engineering Services- The Mayor and the Town Clerk met with the engineering service on July 11th to discuss the needs of the town and to ask for a quote for services based on the town needs. A copy of the contract with costs was shared with the board. Commissioner Vogt made a motion to approve the contract with Meyers Engineering, PLLC and Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The motion to approve the contract was passed unanimously by the board.
- b.) Approve Resolution 2026-1 Removing Section 8- Prohibition from the Town Charter to Allow Alcohol Sales in the Town- The board discussed this matter by stating their thoughts and opinions. The charter will not be changed immediately. The resolution has to be sent to the Legislature for approval. After all discussion, Commissioner Lee made a motion to adopt Resolution 2026-1, Removing Section 8 – Prohibition from the town charter to allow alcohol sales in the town and move forward with petitioning the legislature to remove Section 8 Prohibition from the Stedman Town Charter. Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. The board was split with a 3-1 vote to move forward with process of changing the town charter.
- c.) Approval of Application for WEX Fleet Gas Card Program – The board was in favor of the gas cards due to the fuel expenses we are paying to our current vendor. These cards will allow each vehicle to house its own card so fuel costs can be tracked by vehicle. Commissioner Vogt made a motion to approve moving forward with the WEX Fleet Card Application and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. The motion to approve the application for the WEX cards was passed unanimously by the board.
- d.) Approve Purchase of New Desk for Front Office – Information about a Vari Stand-up desk was shared with the board. The cost for the desk, a power supply, and a drawer would be around \$1800 plus tax. The town is no longer eligible for a health grant through the North Carolina League of Municipalities that could help offset the cost. Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the purchase of the desk, power supply, and drawer and Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. The motion to approve was passed unanimously by the board.
- e.) Discussion and Approval of Installation of Driveway for Tractors to Enter Land off Magnolia Church Road for the property located at Pin#0496010420000. A map of the property was shared with the board. The owner of the land spoke with Mayor Jones and

asked what the process was to get the driveway approved. The town clerk presented the board with information about concerning installations of driveways that was found in town records. The town clerk and administrative assistant will find out concrete information concerning the steps to get the installation approved. Commissioner Vogt made a motion to begin the process of gathering information to lead the resident to the correct forms and steps to get the driveway installed on Magnolia Church Road. Commissioner Wood seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to approve the action.

CLOSED SESSION: None

STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

- a) Town Clerk's Report – Monday, September 1st the town hall will be closed in observance of Labor Day. The 2025 Audit is underway. The town clerk stated that she had included a budget to actual report with summary and detail of the current year financial information. She also brought attention to an email the Administrative Assistant, Whitney had shared with the board concerning NCDOT information and a contact for help in clearing out the ditch on Hillsboro.
- b) Chief of Police Report – Chief Jackson reported July has been calmer, 8 reports, 15 felony citations, 2 drug arrest with meth amphetamine, 1 chase with damage to the Charger. Finished an authorization to act as an agent for trespassing, they will be available to the public in the office. Chief Jackson also presented Harvey Cain with a retired police chief badge for his 30+ years of service.
- c) Stedman Fire Department- 38 calls, 23 medical, Oct. 4th Fall plate sell, 52 members on roster
- d) Code Enforcement – None
- e) Planners Report – None
- f) Mayor and Board of Commissioners – Commissioner Wood stated that soccer season is starting at the Rec Center. Discussion was had about cleaning out ditches, drainage areas preparing for potential hurricane/tropical storms. Other agencies that may be able to help is the State Forestry Service and the Dept. of Environmental Natural Resources.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Horne to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Vogt to adjourn the August 7, 2025 meeting at 7:27 pm.