

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF STEDMAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**July 10, 2025-----7:00 PM**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Mayor Martin L. Jones, Commissioner Wood, Commissioner Vogt, Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Pirro 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**

Mayor Jones requested an addition 9g. Lot Rezoning Proposal to the agenda. Commissioner Lee made a motion to adopt the July 10th proposed agenda with the addition and Commissioner Wood seconded the motion and the board voted unanimously to adopt July 10, 2025 proposed agenda.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a.) Approval of June 5, 2025 – Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Pirro made a motion to adopt the June 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting Minutes and Commissioner Vogt seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by the board.

**PRESENTATIONS** – None

**PUBLIC HEARING-** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT** –

Michelle Currie spoke to the board concerning the town's Ordinance Related to the Keeping of Livestock. She is concerned and annoyed about one of her neighbors that has a rooster, chickens, goats, and dogs that roam through the neighborhood. She stated that she is concerned because she has not heard from anyone about correcting the problem.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- a) Fire Flow Update for Creekside- The Town Clerk and the Mayor are meeting with a potential engineering firm tomorrow at 10 am at the town hall to discuss this issue.
- 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 Hudson stated that he had asked for a closed session on this topic but the Town Clerk had added it on the agenda. The attorney then asked the board if they preferred the discussion be held in a closed session or in open session. The board voted unanimously to discuss this matter in open session. The discussion of this referendum started with Mr. Hudson, town attorney, presenting two copies of potential referendums to be added to the election ballot. The board discussed how confusing the documents were when they read them and decided that changes needed to be made to make it as clear as possible to the voters that they were only voting to give the town board a census of what the voters would like to see for the town. The town clerk had shared email correspondence from the ABC Commission concerning the only vote that needed to take place was the vote to change the town charter by removing the section on prohibition due to the fact that Cumberland County has previously passed all types of the sale of alcohol. The board asked to make specific changes to the wording of one of the referendums to send to the election board to be placed on the election ballot in November. Commissioner Vogt made a motion but it was inaudible. An emergency meeting was called on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon to discuss the inaudible motion and reapprove the decision. See emergency meeting minutes.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

- a.) Approve Copier Lease for Police Department- An additional lease agreement was presented to the board from Systel Office Copiers, a vendor we currently deal with for the town hall copiers. The lease will cost \$106.88 per month. Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the new lease agreement and Commissioner Lee seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the lease agreement.
- b.) Approve Case #REV-25-0012 Stedman Baptist Church Storage Building Site Plan- Timothy Doersam presented the site plans for the new storage building at Stedman Baptist Church. Commissioner Wood made a motion to approve the site plan and Commissioner Pirro seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the site plan.
- c.) Approve Purchase of 2000 Peterbilt Single Axle Dump Truck- Pictures of the dump truck were given to each commissioner. The truck has 228379.4 miles. It is a C7CAT, 9 speed truck. The owner is willing to have the truck checked and any repairs completed before we pick it up. The asking price is \$18,000. Commissioner Horne made a motion to approve the purchase of the Peterbilt Dump Truck and Commissioner Wood seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the purchase of the dump truck.
- d.) Potential Commercial Development at the Corner of Magnolia Church and Hwy. 24. There are two parcels of land at this area in this discussion. One of the parcels is currently annexed into the town limits and the other is not at this time. The developer who called and inquired about the annexation asked for an annexation application. The main discussion of these properties is the fact that water and sewer lines do not run down Magnolia Church Road. According to our ordinance the town would be responsible for the cost of running sewer and water lines down the road to this property. The board discussed this matter further and decided that the matter would need to be discussed with

an engineer. The town clerk stated she would mention it at the meeting tomorrow with the engineer.

- e.) Storm Preparation/Powell Bill Funds- Discussion was had by the board about potential cleanup work that could possibly be completed ahead of any major storms or hurricanes. Specific areas need to be identified and acquire quotes from vendors to be able to use Powell Bill funds for the work. The NCDOT needs to be contacted about problem areas on our state roads. ,
- f.) Preliminary Layout of Park Renovations for PARTF Grant- A digital drawing with potential plans for the upgrade to Ernest Freeman Park was shared with the board. More information will be forth coming as the time to begin the grant application.
- g.) Lot Rezoning Proposal on Jaycee Street- A map of the property was shared with the board and a discussion of the owners filing to combine some of the lots to meet the 75 foot ordinance requirement. The map and contact information will be shared with Timothy Doersam at the county for this rezoning.

**CLOSED SESSION:** None

**STAFF REPORTS/BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

- a) Town Clerk's Report – The grant for the police department was completed for \$181,000 +. We should hear sometime in October about the award.
- b) Chief of Police Report – Chief Jackson reported seven incidents 2 felony drug arrests, 152 grams of marijuana seized, 25 citations and 2 DWIs. 2026 police department calendar. The department will receive 300 calendars and \$1000 grant.
- c) Stedman Fire Department- Gun raffle, Fall fundraiser October 4th
- d) Code Enforcement – Copy of report given to board
- e) Planners Report – None
- f) Mayor and Board of Commissioners –The board asked that the staff check into fuel cards.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Horne to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Commissioner Lee to adjourn the July 10, 2025 meeting at 8:05 pm.