

Town of Rich Square
Board of Commissioners Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 23, 2024 – 11:00 am
Town Administrative Offices

The Rich Square Board of Commissioners held a Special Meeting at the Town Administrative Offices at 109 N. Main Street, Rich Square on December 23, 2024. Mayor Victoria Newcombe called the meeting to order at 11:05 am. Elected officials in attendance were Mayor Victoria Newcombe, Commissioner Peggy Cary, Commissioner Raymond Joyner, Commissioner Linwood Bryant, Commissioner Appointee Reginald White, and Commissioner Charles Eason. Town Officials in attendance were Town Attorney Jarrette Pittman and Finance Officer Chiquita Monroe-Howard. Maintenance Supervisor Jeff Long was also in attendance.

Mayor Newcombe explained that Christmas Bonuses were not provided for in a budget line item and the Town had been previously cited for this by UAL Advisor, Natalie Rountree. The Mayor asked Ms. Rountree if lapsed salaries of employees who have left the Town's employment could be used. Ms. Rountree initially said any lapsed salary amounts should go to operating expenses. She later said it is up to the Board to decide – but must be fully documented. Ms. Howard indicated that there were funds available as JR, Brown and Ms. Balmer were no longer employed. Public works bonuses could be paid from the Streets Fund and the Chief and Ms. Howard could be paid from the General Fund. Commissioners looked at the Christmas Bonus Schedule of Amounts based on length of employment which was passed in January of last year.

Commissioner Eason made a motion to award bonuses based on the adopted schedule. Commissioners Eason, Bryant, White, Joyner voted yes; Commissioner Cary voted no. Motion carried.

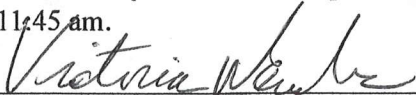
Commissioner Cary needed to be appointed as Deputy Finance Officer in her role as an authorized check signer. After discussion, Comm Eason made a motion to Appoint Ms. Cary as Deputy Finance Officer, it was seconded by Commissioner Bryant. Motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Cary then took the dual oaths of office as Deputy Finance Officer.

At 11:30 Commissioner Eason moved, and Commissioner Joyner seconded to go into Closed Session for personnel purposes. The motion passed unanimously.

CLOSED SESSION – N.C.G.S. Section 143-318.11(a)(6) – Personnel

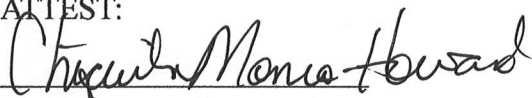
ADJOURN

Commissioner Eason moved and Commissioner Joyner seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, and the Special Meeting adjourned at 11:45 am.



Victoria Newcombe, Mayor

ATTEST:


 Clerk