

MINUTES

**The Town of Snow Hill
Board of Commissioners
February 25, 2009
9:00 am – 11:30 a.m.
Community Center
814 W. Harper St.**

The Snow Hill Board of Commissioners regular meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, February 25, 2009, at the Greene County Community Center with the following members present: Mayor Lorraine Washington; Commissioners James Bizzell, Sr., Percy Edwards, Stephen Ginn, Dennis Liles and Geraldine Shackelford. Also present were Town Clerk, Michelle Strickland, Town Administrator, Bob Clark and Town Attorney, Brian Pridgen.

1. **Call to order** – Mayor Washington called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Prayer** – Prayer was offered by Commissioner Edwards.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance** – The Pledge was led by Mayor Washington.
4. **Consider Approving Meeting Agenda – Motion was made by Commissioner Shackelford, seconded by Commissioner Edwards and carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as written.**
5. **Work Session/Board Planning Retreat**
 - a. **Review 2008** – Mr. Clark reviewed the 2007-2008 Town Council strategic objectives and pointed out the ones that had been completed and the ones that were left to complete.
 - b. **Priorities for 2009** – Mr. Clark asked the members to take a few minutes to list achievements in the past year and priorities for 2009. Each member had a specific achievement and priority.
 - c. **Town of Snow Hill Water System** – Dana Hill, Public Works & Utilities Director – Mr. Hill gave a presentation (a copy hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes) on the Town of Snow Hill Water System and its operational structure, changes that would be coming, water loss, future enhancements, and a sales and expense comparison.
 - d. **Overview of Water/Sewer Rates Structure & Services – Lowell Gunter, Training & Technical Assistance NC Rural Water Association** – Mr.

Gunter spoke to the Board about the number one reason communities needed a rate structure – sustainability. He shared information about the services that NC Rural Water could provide and informed the Board that as a member of NC Rural Water we were eligible for them to do a rate study at no cost.

- e. **Federal Economic Stimulus** – Mr. Clark handed out (a copy hereby incorporated by reference and made a part of these minutes) a copy of a page from Congressman G.K. Butterfield’s website on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and spoke about some of the stimulus monies possibly available to the Town of Snow Hill.
 - f. **Discussion/Wrap** – Mr. Clark wrapped up the retreat and reiterated some of the priorities the members had brought up for the coming year.
6. **Announcements** – Mayor Washington announced that Family Intensive Care on SE Second Street would be having a ribbon cutting on Saturday, February 28, 2009 from 11 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

Mayor Washington announced the passing of Isolene Taylor.

Mr. Clark announced to the Board that the Fit Community grant application has been sent off.

7. **Adjournment** – Motion was made by Commissioner Shackleford, seconded by Commissioner Liles and carried unanimously to adjourn at 11:17 a.m.

Lorraine B. Washington, Mayor

Michelle Strickland, Town Clerk