

Minutes
Spring Hope Board of Commissioners Meeting
September 8, 2026

A regular meeting of the Town of Spring Hope Board of Commissioners was held on September 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room at Spring Hope Town Hall.

Members Present, Mayor Pritchard and Commissioners Brenda Lucas, Pam Brantley, Stephen Brumfield, Antonio Toney, and William Toney were present.

Also present were Town Clerk Michele Collins, Police Lieutenant Jason Leary, Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas, Town Attorney Mark Edwards, Nick Berry, Town Manager Jonathan Allen, Linda Pena, and Public Works Supervisor Bobby Ball.

The meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner William Toney led the prayer before the meeting began.

Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 3rd meeting. Commissioner Antonio Toney seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Forum

Jimmie Harris, 206 Hopkins Ave., said he felt he had been harassed and was required to move his storage shed after obtaining all the necessary documents. Mr. Harris said that because some of his documents were lost, he was required to move the shed, which caused him to lose a significant amount of money. He said that no one had apologized to him except Mr. Allen, who apologized when they met the previous week. Mr. Harris had additional comments but ran out of time. He asked Ms. Collins to place him on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Jewels Royal, 267 Riley Way, said she was there to partner with the Town, the Chamber, and anyone else interested in helping the Town grow. She said she has a 90-day plan to help boost local businesses and would like to take over the Town's website to help promote local businesses.

Ms. Royal said she has lived in the area for four years and recently learned that the Town has a very nice restaurant. She said she would like to help promote the restaurant and make others aware of the businesses in Town.

Continued Item

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to amend the agenda to include the proclamation and move the caboose discussion to closed session. Commissioner Brumfield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Street Paving Proposals

Town Manager Jonathan Allen told the Board that he had included an updated spreadsheet with the proposals in their meeting packets.

Mr. Allen explained that there was an issue with the foundation on one of the streets. He said he wanted to make sure he was doing his due diligence and that everything would be completed correctly.

Mr. Allen said that Public Works Supervisor Bobby Ball worked closely with each contractor and clearly explained what needed to be done. Mr. Allen recommended Weaver's because they submitted the lowest proposal.

Mayor Pritchard asked if the Town could get a map showing exactly what work would be completed on each street. He said it was difficult to determine what would be done based only on the numbers. He said having a map would allow the Board to verify that all required work had been completed.

Commissioner Brantley made a motion to accept Weaver's proposal pending receipt of a map for each street. Commissioner Brumfield seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Update to Code of Ethics

Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to table this item. Commissioner William Toney seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Hearing

CDBG Block Grant

Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas told the Board that he was present on behalf of Ben Jones.

Mr. Lucas told the Board that Mr. Jones had sent several forms that needed to be signed by the Mayor or Mayor Pro Tem. The forms included the Citizen Participation Plan, Federal Requirements Certification, Floodplain Certification, State CDBG Program Regulations, and Federal Requirements Certification.

Mr. Lucas explained the purpose of each document to the Board.

Mr. Lucas also said that Mr. Jones wanted to know if the Town would like to contribute money toward the project to improve its chances of receiving the grant. He said the Town could contribute 2.5%, 3%, or 5%, or it could choose not to contribute anything.

Mr. Allen recommended that the Town not contribute any money because the Town had not been told from the beginning that no contribution was required for the program.

Ms. Collins told the Board that the only available source for the Town's contribution would be the Town's savings account.

Commissioner Lucas made a motion to open the Public Hearing. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Jimmie Harris asked what the grant was for. Mr. Lucas explained the purpose of the grant.

Jewels Royal asked if the CDBG grant would help residents of Walnut Cove who are experiencing flooding. Mr. Lucas explained that, unfortunately, the grant could not be used for that purpose.

Allen Barbee asked who would prioritize the homes and determine which homes would be selected first, second, third, and so on. Mr. Lucas explained that the Housing Selection Committee would make those decisions.

Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Commissioner Antonio Toney seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to designate the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem as the authorized signers for the documents. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to authorize Ben Jones to apply for the grant on behalf of the Town. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

New Item

Wooten MSD Amendment to Existing Agreement

Mr. Allen told the Board that, as they may recall, the MSD had previously been adopted by the Board. He explained that several amendments needed to be added. Mr. Allen said that each Board member had a copy of the amendments and could follow along as he reviewed them. He read each amendment aloud and explained it to the Board.

Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to accept the MSD Amendment as presented. Commissioner Lucas seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Proclamation

Mayor Pritchard read the Proclamation recognizing the 25th year of remembrance of September 11th.

Reports

Spring Hope Chamber

Dew Griffin told the Board that the town-wide yard sale was planned for Saturday, September 12th, unless prevented by weather. He also said that several other events were planned for the next few months.

Code Enforcement

Code Enforcement Officer Shawn Lucas told the Board that approximately 8 to 10 letters would be sent out the following day. He said he planned to focus on the areas entering Town and the area around where the Pumpkin Festival would be held in the coming weeks.

Commissioner Brumfield read a letter recognizing Lieutenant Leary's act of heroism one year ago, when he risked his own life while trying to save the lives of two people.

Commissioner Brumfield asked Lieutenant Leary if he would serve as this year's Grand Marshal for the Pumpkin Festival. Lieutenant Leary said he would be honored to accept.

Police Report

Lieutenant Jason Leary reported that the Police Department had 443 total calls for service, not including traffic stops. Officers conducted 83 traffic stops, issued 63 warnings, wrote 14 citations, and made 4 arrests. The department also responded to 19 traffic complaints, conducted 334 security checks, and investigated 6 vehicle accidents. Officers responded to 3 domestic calls, 5 civil unrest calls, and conducted 11 investigations, with 10 of those investigations being cleared.

Garden Club

Peggy Leggett reported that the Garden Club now has a website, springhopegardenclub.org. She also said the Garden Club would help with setup for the Pumpkin Festival and would have a float in the parade.

Museum

Rocio Broyles reported that the museum has recently had many more visitors. She also said they have a new young lady helping at the museum and that she is happy to have additional help.

Ms. Broyles said that up-to-date information can be found on the museum's website, springhopemuseum.com.

Manager's Report

Mr. Allen told the Board that he had a few items to discuss.

He reported that the DDB had been meeting and last met on August 17th. The final survey showed that 79 people had responded. He said the DDB also has several other projects and activities underway.

Mr. Allen reported that the Pumpkin Run was a success, although the weather slightly affected the number of participants.

Mr. Allen said he issued a press release the previous week regarding the progress of the train depot project.

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Regarding the STI DOT Grant, Mr. Allen said he had followed up with the NCDOT and had a meeting scheduled with them in the coming weeks.

Mr. Allen reported that the waterline project was almost complete. He said the Town was looking at possible extensions, such as Webb's Mill Road, depending on whether funding remained available.

He also reported that sewer line videoing had begun and that bids for the caboose restoration had started coming in.

Closed Session

Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to go into closed session. Commissioner Brantley seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

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Commissioner Brantley made a motion to leave closed session; Commissioner Brumfield seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

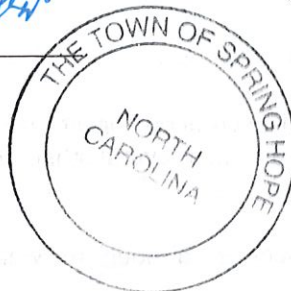
Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to pass the default notice; Commissioner Brantley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Brumfield made a motion to have Lambert and Co. rehab the caboose; Commissioner Brantley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner A Toney made a motion to assign the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem to sign documents for the CDBG grants; Commissioner Brumfield seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner A Toney made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Brantley seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Ken Pittman



Michael Cole