

**TOWN OF MAXTON  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TOWN MEETING  
February 18, 2025 7:00 p.m.  
Minutes**

The Board of Commissioners of Maxton, North Carolina met in formal session in the meeting chambers of the Town of Maxton Town Hall located at 201 McCaskill Avenue Maxton, North Carolina at 7:00 p.m.

Attendees: Mayor Christopher Bethea- McDougal, Mayor Pro Tem Virgil Hutchinson, Commissioner Toni Bethea, Commissioner Michael Hines (Absent), Commissioner Paul McDowell, and Commissioner Victor Womack

Staff Present: Town Manager Angela Pitchford, Town Clerk Amber Quatkemeyer, Finance Director Jasmin Mason, Town Attorney Timothy Snead, Interim Police Chief Schirra Johnson, Public Works Director Desoney Diggs, and Wastewater Director Dennis Freeman.

**Call to Order-** Mayor Christopher Bethea-McDougal

**Invocation-** Commissioner Womack

**Does any member have any known conflict of interest and appearances of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the board today? If so, please identify the conflict and refrain from any participation in the particular matter involved.** None

**Approval of Consent Agenda:**

1. Minutes from Board Meeting of December 17, 2024

Mayor Bethea- McDougal request a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Approval of Proposed Agenda:**

Mayor Bethea- McDougal request a motion to approve Proposed Agenda. Commissioner Womack made the motion and it was seconded by Commissioner McDowell. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Presentation:**

- a) Maxton Ultimate Class Reunion

Niakeya Cooper, Chairperson for the Maxton Ultimate Class Reunion Committee, presented a detailed proposal of the Class Reunion. She explained that it is designed to unite the alumni from R.B. Dean, Maxton High, West Robeson, and Purnell Swett in a day of celebration, community, and engagement. The proceeds from the event will be used to provide scholarships for Maxton youth. Ms. Cooper explained that each class would have their own tent and it would be done like a large tailgate party. The Committee would like the Tailgate takeover to take place on

September 27, 2025 at Beachum Park. Commissioner McDowell asked if they would have private security or would they just be relying on the Police Department. Ms. Cooper explained that they could hire some private security. Mayor McDougal asked Ms. Cooper if the committee has a budget to pay the Police Department and she stated that with this year being the first that they were hoping to make this a partnership with the Town and then once they get revenue they could establish a budget.

**New Business:**

a) Budget Amendment for Beachum Park

Mayor Bethea-McDougal request a motion to approve the Budget Amendment for the remaining \$17,500.00 left over from the KaBoom! Playground build. Mayor Pro Tem Hutchinson made the motion to approve the budget amendment and Commissioner Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

b) Beachum Park

Town Clerk, Amber Quatkemeyer explained that the list within the packet was addition items to enhance the park and is within the \$17,500.00 budget. She asked that the Board approve the list or suggest alternative ideas. Mayor Bethea-McDougal request a motion. Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve and Commissioner Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

c) Board Retreat

Mayor Bethea-McDougal request a motion to approve a date for the Board Retreat. Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve March 26 at 10:00 am and Commissioner Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

d) Budget Retreat

Mayor Bethea-McDougal request a motion to approve a date for the Budget Retreat. Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve April 16 at 10:00 am and Commissioner Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

e) Fireworks

Mayor Bethea-McDougal request a motion to approve a date for the Fireworks. Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the July 4<sup>th</sup> event and Commissioner Womack seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

f) Approval of the Interlocal Agreement

Mayor Bethea-McDougal request a motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement. Commissioner McDowell made a motion to approve the agreement and Commissioner Bethea seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous and the motion carried.

**Public Forum: (2 MINUTES ONLY)** NOTE: Please state your full legal name. The board & staff will not respond to individual comments or questions during the public forum. If you want our staff members to follow up with you, you can give your address and phone number to the Town Clerk.

Sandra McCallum- stated that she would like a list of all Town employees' job duties. She would also like to begin recycling stating that Laurinburg makes over \$9,000 yearly and that is money that could go towards our park.

**Reports:**

**Recreation**

Mary McNeill reported on Recreation stating that the committee will know on the 19<sup>th</sup> if there will be a food give-a-way on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Police Department**

Chief Johnson reported that there were 244 calls of service in the past month and 104 citations have been given out. The department has taken in two new applications for part time officers. They have been partnering with neighboring Towns to complete road blocks and working to have a more structured Police Department.

**Manager**

Manager Pitchford addressed the concerns about trash being dumped along the roadsides bordering the Town limits. Ms. Pitchford stated that she has reached out to North Carolina Department of Transportation due to those roads not being within our jurisdiction.

Ms. Pitchford also stated that there are numerous things being worked on at the moment such as: Pump station #9 is on its last leg and the quote for its repairs total over one hundred thousand dollars. All of the water meters at Benton Mobile Home Park need to be replaced. The Learning Academy is leaking due to bullet holes in the roof. Looking for a quote to either repair or replace the street sweeper. The Library is leaking due to a broken pipe under the building. Ms. Pitchford added that as far as the Freight Building the repairs happening within it are from normal wear and tear. She stated that the Freight Building has not been touched up in years.


**Commissioners Report**

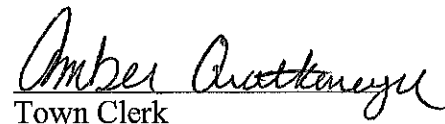
Commissioner Womack would like to find out if the Fire Department would like to adopt that road they are settled on in hopes that it would help keep that area clean.

Commissioner McDowell stated that Mama Dee's Kounty Kookin (across from Town Hall) is opening soon.

**Adjourn**

Mayor Bethea-McDougal request a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner McDowell made the motion and Commissioner Womack seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous, motion carried.

  
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Mayor

  
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Town Clerk