THE ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SEPTEMBER 2021 REGULAR MEETING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 @ 7:00 P.M. ERWIN MUNICIPAL BUILDING BOARD ROOM

AGENDA

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

- A. Invocation
- B. Pledge of Allegiance

2. AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS /APPROVAL OF AGENDA

3. CONSENT

All items on Consent Agendas are considered routine, to be enacted on one motion without discussion. If a Board member or citizen requests discussion of an item, the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered under New Business.

- A. Minutes of Regular Workshop on June 28, 2021 (Page 2)
- B. Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 5, 2021 (Page 8)
- C. Financial Report for July 2021 (Page 15)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Each speaker is asked to limit comments to 3 minutes, and the requested total comment period will be 15 minutes or less. Citizens should sign up prior to the start of the meeting. Please provide the clerk with copies of any handouts you have for the Board. Although the Board is interested in hearing your concerns, speakers should not expect Board action or deliberation on the subject matter brought up during the Public Comment segment. Thank you for your consideration of the Town Board, staff, and other speakers. §160A-81.1

5. PRESENTATION OF SEPTEMBER CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

6. PUBLIC HEARING

- A. SU-2021-002 (Page 18)
- B. SU-2021-003 (Page 37)

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Census and Redistricting for Postponed 2021 Election (Page 59)
- B. American Rescue Plan (Page 61)

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Community Economic Recovery and Resiliency Initiative (CERRI) (Page 62)

9. CLOSED SESSION

- A. Pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11(a) (6) for the Purpose of Discussing Personnel
- B. Pursuant to General Statute 143-318.11(a) (3) for the Purpose of Preserving the Attorney-Client

10. MANAGER'S REPORT

- 11. **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**
- 12. GOVERNING BODY COMMENTS
- 13. **ADJOURNMENT**

ERWIN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

ERWIN, NORTH CAROLINA

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Erwin with Mayor Patsy Carson presiding held its Regular Meeting in the Erwin Municipal Building Board Room on Thursday, September 2, 2021, at 7:00 P.M. in Erwin, North Carolina.

Board Members present were: Mayor Patsy Carson and Commissioners William Turnage, Ricky Blackmon, and Alvester McKoy.

Board Members absent were: Commissioners Randy Baker, Thurman Whitman, and Melinda Alvarado.

Town Manager Snow Bowden, Town Clerk Lauren Evans, Town Attorney Tim Morris, and Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler were present.

Commissioner McKoy gave the invocation.

Commissioner Blackmon led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENT/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Town Manager Snow Bowden requested to strike the Closed Session from the agenda due to the absence of three of our Commissioners.

Commissioner Blackmon made a motion to approve the adjusted agenda and was seconded by Commissioner Turnage. **The Board voted unanimously.**

CONSENT

Commissioner McKoy made a motion to approve (ITEM A) Minutes of Regular Workshop on June 28, 2021 (ITEM B) Minutes of Regular Meeting on August 5, 2021 (ITEM C) Financial Report for July 2021. The Board voted unanimously.

TOWN OF ERWIN FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORT FOR MONTH OF JULY 2023



REVENUES CURRENT YEAR LEW OF PROPERTY TAXES CURRENT YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	1111111			
CURRENT YEAR LEVY OF PROPERTY TAXES CURRENT YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	BUDGET	ACTIVITY	TO DATE	COLLECTED
CURRENT YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	1,103,856.00	0.00	00'0	9,00.0
	175,470.00	0.00	00'0	%00'0
PRIOR YEAR TAXES / Penalties & Interest	10,000 00	29,022 00	29,022.00	290.22%
UTILITIES FRANCHISE TAXES	190,000,00	00:00	00'0	%00.0
ENTRY FEES	19,000.00	1,675.00	1,675.00	8 82%
SALES & USE TAX	700,000,00	73,802,00	73,802.00	10.54%
ZONING PERMITS/APPLICATIONS	8,000.00	1,640.00	1,640.00	20 50%
REFUSE COLLECTIONS FEES	410,256.00	39,151.00	39,151.00	9,54%
STORM WATER COLLECTION	69,930 00	5,139.00	5,139.00	7.35%
ALL OTHER REVENUES	659,137 00	34,323.00	34,323.00	5.21%
	3,345,649.00	184,752.00	184,752.00	5.52%
	ANNUAL	July 2021	ACTUAL	Y-T-D %
EXPENDITURES	BUDGET	ACTIVITY	TO DATE	SPENT
GOVERNING BODY	47,945.00	1,778.00	1,776.00	3.70%
ADMINISTRATION	263,399.00	21,151.00	21,151.00	8.03%
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	304,319.00	111,983.00	111,983.00	36.80%
PLANNING & INSPECTIONS	106,649.00	347.00	347.00	0.33%
POWELL BILL-STREETS	157,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	1.27%
POLICE	891,835.00	67,312.00	67,312.00	7.55%
POLICE-SRO	64,030.00	5,571.00	5,571.00	8.70%
CONTRACT SERVICES-FIRE	238,307 00	5,224.00	5,224.00	2.19%
PUBLIC WORKS-ADMIN.	109,004.00	9,593.00	9,593.00	8.80%
PUBLIC WORKS-STREETS	396,994.00	25,370.00	25,370.00	6.39%
PUBLIC WORKS-SANITATION	345,343.00	1,881.00	1,881.00	0.54%
PUBLIC WORKS-STORM WATER	15,000.00	3,549.00	3,549.00	23.66%
RECREATION	329,119.00	24,220.00	24,220,00	7.38%
UBRARY	69,405.00	5,455.00	5,455.00	7.86%
COMMUNITY CENTER	7,300.00	266.00	266.00	3.64%
	3,345,649.00	285,698.00	285,698.00	8.54%
Y-T-D GENERAL FUND BALANCE INCREASE (DECREASE)		(100,946.00)	(100,946,00)	

OWELL BILL BALANCE

\$293,692.57

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CURRENT YEAR LEVY OF PROPERTY TAXES	00.00	00'0	0.00
CURRENT YEAR MOTOR VEHICLE TAXES	0.00	00'0	00'0
PRIOR YEAR TAXES / Penation & Interest	29,022.00	2,002.00	27,020,00
UTILITIES FRANCHISE TAXES	0.00	00'0	000
ENTRY FEES	1,878.00	90'0	1,876.00
SALES & USE TAX	73,802.00	57,693,00	16,209.00
ZONING PERMITS/APPLICATIONS	1,540.00	460.00	1,190.00
REFUSE COLLECTIONS FEES	00,161,00	29,593.00	9,558,00
STORM WATER COLLECTION	8,136.00	6,355.00	(216.00)
ALL OTHER REVENUES	34,223,00	41,102.00	(6,779.0d)
	\$ 184,752.00	\$ 138,095.00	48,657.00
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Expenditures	July 2021	July 2020	DIFFERENCE
GOVERNING BODY	D0.877,t	1,802.00	(26,00)
ADMINISTRATION	21,151,00	36,787.00	(14,646.00)
NON-DEPARTMENTAL	111,862,00	112,049.00	(88.00)
PLANNING & INSPECTIONS	347.96	11,438,00	(11,091.00)
POWELL BILL-STREETS	2,000.00	2,000.00	00'0
POLICE	67,312.00	86,904.08	1,408.00
POLICE-SRO	5,571.00	11,387,00	(5,818.00)
CONTRACT SERVICES FIRE	6,224.00	7,808.00	(2,582.00)
PUBLIC WORKS-ADMIN,	9,693.00	23,891.00	(13,558.00)
PUBLIC WORKS-STREETS	28,370,00	6,188.00	20,216,00
PUBLIC WORKS-SANITATION	1,881.00	00.00	1,881,00
PUBLIC WORKS-STORM WATER	3,549,00	21,600.00	(17,951.00)
RECREATION	24,220.00	6,377.00	18,843,00
LIBRARY	6,468,00	868.00	4,899.00
COMMUNITY CENTER	266.00		266.00

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	7TD July 2021		VTD July 2020
CASH MANAGEMENT	1,989,049,37	75,6	1,245,175.18
BB&T CASH IN BANK	210,893.96	3.96	\$72,901.41
FIRST FEDERAL BUSINESS MONEY MARKET	136,561,49	1,49	136,145,51
FIRST FEDERAL MONEY MARKET	884,727,48	7.48	865,020,41
Y-T-D INVESTMENT BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND ACCOUNTS	\$ 3,183,232,28		\$ 2,809,242.51
BB&T STATE FORFETURE	ş	4,246.84	3,681.33
BB & T CAPITAL RESERVE/COMM. ENHANCEMENT	191,204.87	4.87	165,450,22
FIRST FEDERAL CAP. RESERVENCENERAL	2,349,274.46	3	2,244,803.47
BB&T HEALTH RESERVE HRA ACCT.	17,199.42	9.42	13,285,59
PRIEBE PIELD ACCT.	TD,446.44	6.44	8,676,72
AL WOODALL PARK IMPROVEMENTS	347,940.85	98.0	416,287.68
American Rescue Funds	821,602,01	2.01	
Y-T-D BALANCE RESTRICTED FUNDS	\$ 1,741,918,49		\$ 2,951,956,00
CUMULATIVE BALANCE FOR TOWN OF ERWIN	M1 855 14	25	8,935,148,78 \$ 8,561,308,51

MINUTES CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gar Mattson of 301 County Avenue came forward. Mr. Mattson stated that 30 years ago, roughly 30 people signed a petition begging the Town of Erwin to not allow Mr. Warren to put that house on the corner of County Avenue and Dunn Erwin Road but the Town allowed it anyways. He expressed his concern about the looks of the home. He stated a couple of years ago he spoke with the building inspector but nothing came of it, he came back 6 months ago and spoke with the building inspector again who stated he would check if power was put on the home. Mr. Mattson stated you can look at the property and tell that power has never been put on the home. Mr. Warren put in five houses that the City of Dunn was going to burn down but the Town of Erwin allowed those homes to be moved into Erwin. He stated three of the five homes are unsafe and have been that way for 30 years. He stated the Town of Erwin is responsible for these homes and he has reached out to a lawyer.

PRESENTATION OF CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

James "Sonnyman" McCray of 700 North 15th Street was recognized as the September 2021 Citizen of the Month. Mayor Patsy Carson presented him with a Proclamation Plaque.

PUBLIC HEARING

Due to a lack of quorum needed to vote on a quasi-judicial hearing, the consensus of the Board was to readvertise and table the Public Hearing until next month.

NEW BUSINESS

Census and Redistricting for Postponed 2021 Election

Town Manager Snow Bowden stated he just wanted to update the Board on the census data. The numbers sent out were much lower than he thought they would be due to covid. We should have the complete data by the middle of September and be able to update our maps for the March 2022 Election.

American Rescue Plan

Town Manager Snow Bowden informed the Board that we are still waiting on the final guidelines from the US Treasury's Office. He stated that the School of Government has recommended waiting to see if the N.C. General Assembly sets any guidelines for these funds



TOWN OF ERWIN

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PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JAMES "SONNYMAN" MCCRAY FOR CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

2021-2022---002

Randy L. Baker
Commissioners
William R. Turnage
Thurman E. Whitman
Alvester L. McKoy
Ricky W. Blackmon
Melinda Alvarado

Patsy M. Carson

Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor

WHEREAS, the Town of Erwin Mayor and Board of Commissioners, realize that the Town of Erwin's greatest asset is viewed as the citizens that contribute tirelessly and unselfishly of themselves to aid in the well-being of the residents within the community. These citizens display characteristics and qualities in an individual that strive to make a real difference in the lives of children, adults and the elderly without desire for recognition or personal gain; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James McCray of 700 North 15th Street, Erwin was born to James McCray Jr. and Maggie Bell McCray of North Layton Street in Dunn, on April 16, 1940. Mr. McCray married Sandra McNeil on July 7, 1984. Their 37 years of marriage has been blessed with 9 children and 21 grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McCray has lived in Erwin his entire life. He is a 1957 graduate of Harnett County Training School. He has been a truck driver and managed his own Trucking Business for 60 years.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Erwin Mayor and Board of Commissioners give recognition and appreciation to James McCray for her valuable contributions to the quality of life in our community and proudly acknowledge James McCray as the September 2021 Citizen of the Month.

Duly Adopted, this the 2nd day of September 2021.

	Patsy M. Carson, Mayor
ATTEST:	
Lauren Evans, Town Clerk	

Erwin Board of Commissioners

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

To: The Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners

From: Snow Bowden, Town Manager

Date: September 2, 2021

Subject: Census and Redistricting for Postponed 2021 Election

The Town has received the overall data from the 2020 U.S. Census. The 2020 redistricting data should be available by September 21, 2021. If we need to make any changes to our Wards we will be able to do it once we get that data. Based on the data in the 2020 U.S. Census our population increased by 137 residents. If we have to make any changes to our Wards they will probably be minor changes.

Attachments:

2020 U.S. Census data

Action Recommended:

No action needed.

2020 Census Data			
Category	2020	2010	Difference
Total Population	4,542	4,405	137
Hispanic	612	324	288
White	2,900	3,194	-294
African American	794	756	38
American Indian/Alaska Native	28	31	-3
Asian and Pacific Islander	15	14	1
Other	193	86	107

MINUTES CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

before approving expenditures. He would like to have our regular scheduled workshop on the fourth Monday of the month to discuss these final guidelines if they come out.

Community Economic Recovery and Resiliency Initiative (CERRI)

Our Director of the Mid-Carolina Council of Government, Justin Hembree, reached out to Town Manager Snow Bowden and informed him of a program at no cost to the Town that would provide economic recovery strategies and other technical services to the Town. He stated that Justin Hembree felt that the Town of Erwin would be a good fit and he just wanted to inform the Board of this program. If the Town is selected to be in this program, it will be required that the Town Board approve a Resolution of support that we support the efforts of the Department of Commerce helping the Town.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Town Manager Snow Bowden informed the Board that we will be swearing in a new Police Officer by the name of Lemar Benjamin on Friday. We are working on the issues with the trash pickup. He stated we have a meeting scheduled with the main GFL manager next week.

ATTORNEY'S REPORTS

Town Attorney Tim Morris thanked the Board for allowing him to be their attorney. He stated he spoke with Mac Hunter this week and he asked about the wellbeing of the Town. He asked the Board to be diligent with the new COVID strain.

GOVERNING COMMENTS

Commissioner Blackmon asked about the drainage on I Street.

Town Manager Snow Bowden stated that Ray Johnson has been out there to look at it and is supposed to be getting back with us on a price.

Commissioner Blackmon stated this has been going on for a while and we need to get it fixed before any more storms come through.

Commissioner Turnage asked whether Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler was still working on the street paving.

Town Engineer Bill Dreitzler stated he will be presenting his recommendation at the October Board Meeting.

Erwin Board of Commissioners

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

To: The Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners

From: Snow Bowden, Town Manager

Date: September 2, 2021

Subject: American Rescue Plan

Town Staff has reviewed the interim guidelines for what the funds associated with the American Rescue Plan. The U.S. Treasury's Office is supposed to send out the final guidelines for these funds soon. The UNC School of Government has recommended waiting to see these final guidelines and to see if the N.C. General Assembly sets any guidelines for these funds before approving expenditures. I would like to set up a workshop meeting to discuss these funds.

Action Recommended:

• Discuss the American Rescue Plan at our September 27th at 6 PM workshop meeting

Erwin Board of Commissioners

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION

To: The Honorable Mayor and Board of Commissioners

From: Snow Bowden, Town Manager

Date: September 2, 2021

Subject: Community Economic Recovery and Resiliency Initiative (CERRI)

The Director of the Mid-Carolina Council of Governments (Justin Hembree) made the Town aware of a program that is offered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce. This program is for municipalities that have a population of fewer than 5,000 people and are communities located in a Tier One or Tier Two County. There is no cost to the Town if we were selected to be in this program. This program would provide economic recovery strategies and other technical services to the Town. If the Town is selected to be in this program it will require the Town Board to approve a Resolution to accept these services from the Department of Commerce.

Attachment:

CERRI flyer

Community Economic Recovery and Resiliency Initiative (CERRI) Overview, Services, and Application Requirements

(Updated August 17, 2021)

The Rural Planning program (RPP) of the N.C. Department of Commerce, Main Street & Rural Planning (MS&RP) Center, is accepting applications for new communities to participate in the **Community Economic Recovery and Resiliency Initiative (CERRI)**. The application deadline is Friday, September 17, 2021.

The RPP held a virtual CERRI information session on August 17, 2021, for interested communities. During the meeting, the RPP presented an overview of the program and its benefits, as well as the requirements for participation. Content from the information session as well as additional details about CERRI and the application process are provided below.

CERRI Overview

In January 2021, the RPP launched CERRI to help small towns and rural communities, with populations under 5,000, recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and build resilient local economies. Initially, the RPP engaged ten communities (eight towns and two counties), across the North Carolina's eight Prosperity Zones, in the initiative.

CERRI provides communities with a planning process to develop local economic recovery strategies and technical services to implement them. RPP staff works with participating communities to complete an economic development assessment, prepare an economic recovery plan of work, and deliver implementation services to help them support small businesses and build local economic resiliency. The RPP currently provides its CERRI services at no cost to participating communities.

CERRI Services

The primary services the RPP provides to CERRI communities generally include:

- Community Economic Development Assessment (Assessment)
 RPP staff will facilitate one or more assessment meeting(s) with a local work group that will include:
 - a. Presentation of local economic data relative to the current situation, economic diversity, and related information.
 - b. Discussion of the impacts of COVID-19 on the local economy, identification of economic assets and drivers, and completion of a SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats) analysis.
 - c. Review of information regarding local government support of small businesses.
 - d. Conduction of stakeholder interviews and a business community survey.
- 2. Development of an Economic Recovery Plan of Work

Following the Assessment, the RPP will work with local government staff and the local work group to prepare an Economic Recovery Plan of Work. Plan development meetings will include the presentation of findings from stakeholder interviews and the business community survey, the identification and prioritization of action items from the Assessment, and the development of

strategies to support small businesses and help the local economy recover and become more resilient to future crises.

3. Delivery of Implementation Services

When the Economic Recovery Plan of Work is complete, RPP staff will work with local government staff, the local work group, and other partners (if applicable) to determine which implementation services and resources will be the most beneficial and within what timeframe(s) the community should pursue them.

Implementation services may include:

- a. Analysis of current economic conditions and opportunities
- b. Training and capacity building opportunities
- c. Formulation of implementation strategies
- d. Project development and implementation assistance
- e. Economic development assistance and technical support

In addition to RPP services, CERRI communities will receive project development, resource identification, and implementation assistance from other project partners, including regional councils of government, local and regional economic development organizations, the NC Appalachian Regional Commission program, NC Hometown Strong, and the U.S. Economic Development Administration.

CERRI participants will also benefit from training and tools provided through the NC MS&RP Center's affiliation with <u>Leverage NC</u>, the <u>North Carolina Small Business and Technology Development Center</u>, and other agencies and organizations.

CERRI Eligibility and Other Requirements

In their applications for CERRI, communities will be asked to address the eligibility criteria, additional requirements, and their readiness/need for CERRI, as follows:

1. Eligibility Criteria

- a. NC incorporated communities (municipalities) with populations under 5,000, provided they are neither currently designated as NC Main Street or Small Town Main Street communities by the NC MS&RP Center nor currently part of the NC MS&RP Center's Downtown Associate Community program.
- b. NC unincorporated communities with populations under 5,000 that partner with NC county governments.

2. Additional Requirements

- a. NC local governments (municipalities and, for unincorporated communities, counties) must be the applicants; however, other entities (e.g., regional councils of government) may prepare applications on behalf of local governments.
- b. Communities with current N.C. Department of Commerce County Distress Rankings (Tiers) 1 or 2 (https://www.nccommerce.com/grants-incentives/county-distress-rankings-tiers) will receive preference for CERRI selection; however, the RPP will take other factors into consideration for those located in Tier 3 counties. The application will provide space for communities in Tier 3 counties to explain why the tier designation should not prevent their consideration for CERRI.

- 3. General Assessment of Community Readiness/Need for CERRI
 - a. Does the community have one or more business district(s)? If yes, briefly describe them (such as their general locations and types).
 - Is the community served by any local economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, merchants or industry associations, or other similar entities? If so, please list them.
 - c. How has the community's economy been affected by the pandemic?
 - d. Does the community have any economic recovery efforts underway? If so, briefly describe them.
 - e. What outcomes does the community expect from participating in CERRI?
 - f. Describe some examples of success the community has had with implementing past planning/economic development projects? What was critical to the success of these projects?
 - g. Describe the community's capacity (e.g., in terms of organization, personnel/volunteers, time, skills, and other commitments) to participate in CERRI.
 - h. List partners the community is likely include in CERRI.

CERRI Application

The application period for new communities to participate in CERRI opens on Tuesday, August 17, 2021, and runs through Friday, September 17, 2021. Communities will complete and submit applications online. To access the CERRI application, click here.

In addition to answering application questions regarding the eligibility criteria, other requirements, and readiness/need for CERRI, applicants will be asked to acknowledge that, if selected for CERRI, they will complete several actions to start the CERRI process with the RPP, as follows:

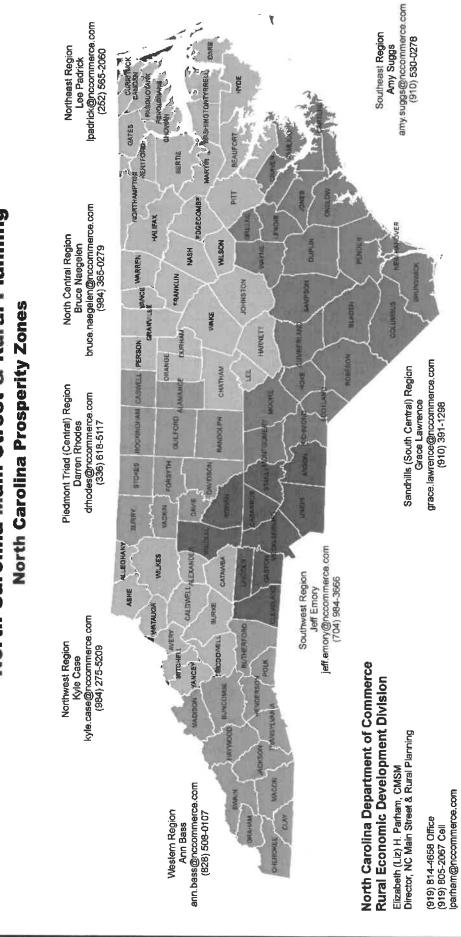
- 1. Resolution and Memorandum of Understanding
 - To formalize a community's CERRI participation following its selection, the town's governing board (or for unincorporated areas, the governing board of the county in which the community is located) will adopt a resolution to accept RPP services and have its designee sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the RPP regarding the scope of work, roles, and expectations of the parties involved, and other project details.
- 2. Local Coordinator and Local Work Group

The community will designate a local coordinator for the project and establish a local work group to work with RPP staff. The work group composition will be determined by the community and may include, but not be limited to, local government elected officials, appointed board/committee members, and/or staff, business owners/operators, economic/business development organization representatives, representatives of civic organizations, and/or citizens.

Questions

If communities have questions about CERRI in general and/or the CERRI application, please contact the RPP planner assigned to your Prosperity Zone (see map with contact information, below).

North Carolina Main Street & Rural Planning





Darren Rhodes, CPM Rural Planning Program Manager

(336) 618-5117 Cell drhodes@nccommerce.com

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Updated: May 2021

MINUTES CONTINUED FROM SEPTEMBER 2, 2021

Mayor Carson stated we will be having Denim Days in a month and the Street Dance on that Friday night at the Park.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Turnage made a motion to adjourn at 7:20 P.M. and was seconded by Commissioner Blackmon. **The Board voted unanimously.**

MINUTES RECORDED AND TYPED BY

LAUREN EVANS TOWN CLERK

ATTEST:

Patsy Carson

Mayor

Lauren Evans

Town Clerk