

Mayor

Doris Underwood

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Utility Clerk

Lana Penfield

Interim Chief of Police

John Micheals

Public Works Director

Joe Penfield

Code Enforcement Officer

Tina Odom

TOWNHALL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES September 16, 2025

Overview

- FAMPO MOU updates and approval process discussed.
- RCMA meeting scheduled.
- Stoplight installation and advocacy for town infrastructure improvements.
- Grant reimbursements: \$109,000 (well), \$30,000 (sewer) pending.
- Upcoming Meet the Candidates scheduled for October 7th, 6–7 p.m.
- Facility and maintenance updates: kitchen, outlets, EMS building.

New Business

FAMPO

- Derrick from FAMPO was introduced and provided the town with a summary of updates.
- FAMPO MOU updated and adopted with minor changes at May 2025 TAC meeting.
- Fort Liberty's name changed back to Fort Bragg.
- Additional TAC Membership to include a representative of the Fayetteville Area System of Transit (FAST).
- Additional information regarding Establishment and Membership of the TAC Board.
- Establishment of and Roles and Responsibilities of the Executive Committee.
- Additional clarification regarding the hiring and performance review of the Executive Director.
- Draft and redline copies provided for review and signature. Mayor Underwood and Ms. Day both signed the updated document.
- Mayor Underwood expressed her concerns over the Town of Parkton being in desperate need of an actual stop light. The mayor feels it is unfair that Hope Mills now has 3 stop lights within 1 block, but the Town of Parkton is unable to get a single stop light.
- Request to place updated MOU on next Board of Commission's agenda as a consent item.
- Commissioner Mahaffey motioned to approve the FAMPO item and have it added to the consent agenda. Commissioner Lowrey seconded the motion. All in favor.

Old Business

Sewer Project Update

- No update.

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RCMA Meeting

- RCMA meeting scheduled October 28th at 7:00PM. Location First Missionary Baptist Church.
- Mayor Underwood stated speaker John Malone from Rural Water (NCRWA) confirmed.
- Caterer not yet secured but the mayor is working on getting it scheduled.

Meet the Candidates

- Date and time secured. October 7th at 6:00PM before the town hall meeting.
- Event promotion will be completed via water bills and the fire department marquee.
- Mayor Underwood stated to the board that attendance encouraged and any members who can help are requested to be present.
- Candidate speeches limited to 5 minutes, followed by brief Q&A.

Police Chief Hiring

- Mayor Underwood announced the selection board has offered the Police Chief position to a candidate and he has accepted.
- After the meeting on the 23rd of September the new Chief will be announced to the public.

Grant Reimbursement

- The original amount provided to the town was not correct.
- Corrective action has been taken and the incorrect funds sent have already been returned.
- Well and sewer grant reimbursements are currently pending.
- The well reimbursement amount is approximately \$109,000. The sewer reimbursement amount is approximately \$30,000.
- Once these payments are processed the town will pay the amount of back retirement.

Ruritan Property

- Mayor Underwood stated she has attempted contact with Ben Finley (Ruritan president); she is awaiting a response after a two-week requested period of time to return information.

Maintenance Building Update and Town Hall Building Updates

- Mayor Underwood stated that Robeson County approved the transfer of the EMS building to the town; formal documentation is pending.
- There are ongoing renovations of the kitchen area at town hall. The floors are being redone, and commissioner Lowry is in the process of assisting with some of the items that need to be completed.
- Fire marshal inspection prompted installation of exit sign in the conference room. More outlets are also being installed in the conference room.

Water Sewer/Maintenance

- Installation of the new generator at well four begins tomorrow (9/17/2025).

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