

AURORA TOWN BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 06, 2026
All Items Are For Discussion and Possible Action

1. **Call to Order**
 - A. Prayer
 - B. Pledge of Allegiance
2. **Approve/Amend Agenda**
 - Motion to accept by Commissioner Reed and Seconded by Commissioner McCormack.
3. **Public Comment**
 - None
4. **Staff Reports**
 - Rhonda Stallings gave a run down on the Public Works Department activities, see attached.
5. **Treasurers Report**
 - Not available
6. **Presentation to Council**
 - Kurt Ryan, Part-P
 1. Goodwill grocery store opens in July.
 2. Agape med center obtained rest of funding from Golden Leaf and will open Nov-Dec. Commissioner Jordan asked why additional was needed. Kurt replied that the economy drove up construction costs.
 3. A film productive producer is interested in using town in May for a movie shoot and desires local folks for extras.
 4. updated status of ballfields condition.
 - Kurt Ryan, Aurora Leadership Council - Kick-off #2
 1. Banners have been ordered to replace the older ones.
 2. Prior to July 25, finding signage will be in place around town, locations to be determined before then.
 3. The History Museum and old jail have been renovated; NC State University is providing design ideas.
 4. ALC does need Town Council approval and a permit to install new electrical lines. Part-P will pay for the cost, even though it belongs to town.
 5. The new Community College is nearing completion and will soon be installing equipment and accepting enrollment requests for fall classes.
 - Jamie Heath, Mid-East
 1. Current status regarding water infrastructure, wastewater treatment plant wetland restoration and water funding for Baileys Creek was covered.
 - Doug Keller and John Akers, RK&K
 1. Discussed a relatively new concept regarding Request for Quotes. This would allow accepting RFQs from contractors, which would allow all or

some to be selected for all or some part of the contracted work on an on-call basis.

7. Old Business

- A motion by Commissioner McCormack and seconded by Commissioner Williams appointed Commissioner Jordan as Town Finance Officer.
- A motion by Commissioner Jordan and seconded by Commissioner Williams appointed Commissioner McCormack as Town Clerk.
- Commissioner Williams was appointed to oversee Human Resources.

8. Closed Session Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (6)

- Commissioner McCormack motioned to come out of closed session, Commissioner Jordan seconded the motion.

9. Return to Regular Meeting

- Commissioner Jordan moved to Authorize the Mayor to make any administrative decisions deemed necessary with the cognizance of two board members. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams.
- Commissioner Jordan motioned for acceptance of the Public Works Director offer to go under monthly contract; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Reed.
- Commissioner Jordan moved to appoint Commissioners McCormack and Reed to the Personnel Committee to support Commissioner Williams. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Williams.
- Commissioner Williams moved to recess the meeting, Commissioner McCormack Seconded the motion.

AURORA TOWN BOARD RECESS MEETING MINUTES APRIL 16, 2026

1. Call to Order

2. Approve/Amended Agenda

- Commissioner Reed moved to approve agenda, Commissioner Williams seconded the motion.

2. Introduced of Guests from NC State Departments

- Jenny Miller has been working with the town for some time to assist in getting our books, reports and other loose ends taken care of and providing guidance.
- Melanie Bryant services communities east of I-95 to assist in providing continuity to struggling communities in transition.
- Sharon Edmundson works with the AIM Program to provide resources, training classes and other needs to distressed communities.

3 Critical Needs

- It was pointed out that ARP funds had been processed as needed, the language used in its development application was not acceptable by government standards. This must be corrected as soon as possible otherwise the town is liable for probable rejection and loss of funds. Jennie recommended that the Town consider adopting an Amended Project Ordinance for ARP funds. Commissioner McCormack moved to take action to address this situation, Commissioner Reed seconded the motion, which was passed.

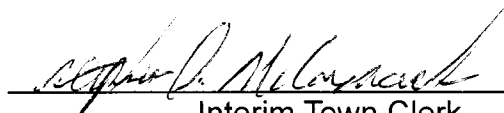
4. Strategic Planning Session (The NC State team lead this discussion)

- Audits cost about 20K each. The Town should have an AIM manual on hand. Additionally, there are free monthly webinars available any time online.
- Modify Staff hours to close Town Hall doors for a few hours during the week. With a small staff, there is constant interruptions interfering with filing, catching up with work not completed, for staff development and computer upgrades.
- Meeting agendas need to be completed on Monday or Tuesday prior to the Board Meeting.
- On April 21 to prepare for installation of new computers. Town Hall will closed on May 1-2 for workdays. Then the week of May 11-15, Town Hall will be closed for installation and training pertaining to the new computers.
- As soon as possible the Town needs to post notices regarding positions for Finance Officer, Administrator, Town Clerk and Public Works Director.
- Town Policies and SOPs need to be updated. Particularly: Personnel, Internal Controls, Purchasing and Utilities. A purchase order needs to be used for everything.
- Need to change all locks. Many folks have access and town properties need to be safeguarded.
- The Town needs to re-engage the Planning Board: 1) someone needs to replace the mayor, 2) check with other two members to see if they are still interested, and 3) replace members as needed to become operational.
- The Town needs to develop timelines to keep track of what's going on.
- CRI is company the Town uses to do our audits. It is important to contact them and get them on sign contract as soon as the next records audit is ready.

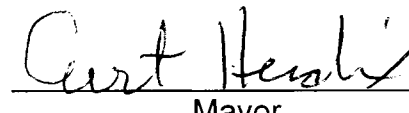
5. Board Comments – none

6. Adjourn

- Commissioner Jordan moved to adjourn, Commissioner McCormack seconded the motion.



Interim Town Clerk
Steve McCormack



Mayor
Curt Hendrix