

Town of Aurora July Board Meeting Minutes

Organization Name: TOWN OF AURORA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: JULY 6, 2026,

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: AURORA COMMUNITY CENTER

Minutes Prepared By: LYNN RAY

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Mayor Curt Hendrix.

2. Attendance

Board Members Present: Steve McCormack, Galene Williams, Jamea Reed & Sherri Hollister

Board Members Absent: NONE

Guests/Staff Present: Rhonda Stallings (Town Clerk and Financial Director), Lynn Ray (Billing Clerk), Jonathan Hannah (Public Works), Jamie Heath (Planner, Mid-East Commission)

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous board meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Jamea Reed and seconded by Galene Williams. The motion was: Approved.

The minutes from the previous budget meeting were reviewed. Motion to approve was made by Steve McCormack and seconded by Jamea Reed. The motion was: Approved.

4. New Business

- **Grant Reports: Mid-East Grant Admin Contract; RK&K Engineering and Environmental Contract**
- **Staff Reports: AGAPE will begin parking at the Fossil Museum**

5. Old Business

Discussion items, updates, decisions, or unresolved matters from prior meetings:

- Item 1: Jamea Reed requested that the time change from 7:00 pm to 6:30 pm for the new starting time for Board Meeting. Discussion to carry over to August 3, 2026 meeting.

6. Public Comments

- Joe Holland with Community Watch voiced concern about why Meet & Greet with the Sheriff cancelled.
- Debbie Guthrie town resident had a complaint about receiving a fine for not applying for and being issued a permit before installing a shed on the property.
- John Edwards of Beaufort County introduced himself to the town stating that he is also a candidate for the County Commissioner election upcoming.
- Kurt Ryan gave an Initiative update on the Tourism Meeting scheduled for July 7, 2026. He also spoke on the ALC Strategic Plan, and PART P 503(1) C. Kurt also gave an update on the Old Jail renovations. The Resilient Strategy for Today and Tomorrow and the Early Flood Warning Alert System they are working to have implemented. Kirk then updated the board on the upcoming 250th Celebration. There will be a volunteer work detail on July 23rd and 24th to help clean up ahead of the celebration.
- Madison Coleman with Goodwill Cupboard stated that they have received their Certificate of Occupancy. Stocking will begin on July 20, 2026, and training for new employees will begin on August 3, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

- Jonathan Hannah stated that he had spoken with someone to come and give a quote on repair of the roof at the Community Watch/Old Public Works office.
- Town Facilities repair maintenance, non-use due to expensive repairs of Community Watch/Old Public Works office not included in the budget.
- Mayor Curt Hendrix signed the lease agreement for PART P for the old Jail, and the Grant Approval for the sewer force main, lift station rehab.
- Nancy Hubbard invited the Mayor and Commissioners to participate in the 250th Celebration Parade, Nancy also asked about the application process for funding to help with the parade. Nancy requested permission to utilize the Town of Aurora's waterfront property if needed.
- Jamie Heath, Planner with Mid-East Commission gave updates on Grants that are in process at this time for the Town of Aurora as follows:
 - 75% is coming from the grant and 25% is from the loan
 - 2% is due when construction begins
 - Golden Leaf Flood Mitigation Plan Grant (shovel ready)-
Ready for implementation
 - RCCP Grant (Phase 3)**
 - 1 Large – 1 – 4
 - Or

2 Small – 1, 2, 3 and 5 – 12

-CDBGI Program (Cancelled)

Water lines, fixtures and manholes

We can re-submit once all audits are caught up with the State

-Wastewater Treatment Plant (Lagoon)

Dredging has started

Plants in Cell 1 are doing well

Plants for Cell 2 were approved through the fall for planting

-Cama won't allow projects as designed for flooding improvement in Tributary

-Easement Possibility

Undeveloped property on the East side of town (beside the school)

-Water/Sewer Resilient Assessment

Application being considered for funding by FEMA

-Bio Retention Cell (examples)

Raingarden

Permeable parking at the library or community center

Wetland at Main Street

7. Motions and Votes

Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote/Result
<u>APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA</u>	<u>Steve McCormack</u>	<u>Sherri Hollister</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>JUNE 1st BOARD MEETING</u>	<u>Jamea Reed</u>	<u>Galene Williams</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>JUNE 11th BUDGET MEETING</u>	<u>Steve McCormack</u>	<u>Jamea Reed</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>RK & K ENGINEERING & ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT CONTRACT</u>	<u>Sherri Hollister</u>	<u>Steve McCormack</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>RK & K SEWER 2 GRANT</u>	<u>Sherri Hollister</u>	<u>Steve McCormack</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>RK & K WATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT</u>	<u>Jamea Reed</u>	<u>Steve McCormack</u>	<u>Approved</u>

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

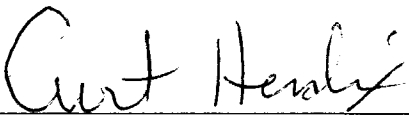
Motion to recess meeting was made by Commissioner Williams and seconded by Commissioner McCormack. Motion to open closed meeting was made by Commissioner Reed and seconded by Commissioner Williams.

9. Next Meeting

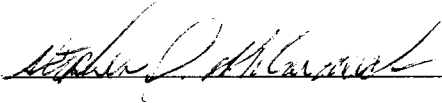
The next board meeting is scheduled for August 3, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm. Motion to adjourn was made by Jamea Reed and seconded by Steve McCormack.



Mayor Curt Hendrix



Commissioner Steve McCormack

Interim Clerk