

August Board Meeting Minutes

Organization Name: TOWN OF AURORA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Date: AUGUST 3, 2026

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: AURORA COMMUNITY CENTER

Meeting Called By: AURORA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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 & Sherri Hollister

Board Members Absent: Jamea Reed

Guests/Staff Present: Rhonda Stallings (Town Clerk and Deputy Finance Officer), Lynn Ray (Billing Clerk), 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 Steve McCormack and seconded by Sherri Hollister. The motion was: Approved.

4. Reports

- **Financial/Treasurer Report:** FY 2025-2026 was approved.
- **Grant Reports:** CBDC Grant update; DWI Grant - Drainage ditch/tributary update.
- **Staff Reports:** The new Public Works Director will begin on August 17, 2026. The possible sale of old equipment and reinvest the money from sales into new equipment.

5. Old Business

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

- Item 1: Board meeting change to the second Monday of each month at 6:30 was Approved by Sherri Hollister and Seconded by Steve McCormack.
for the new starting time for Board Meeting. Tabled for now until can be approved.

6. Public Comments

- Item 1: Laura Jordan voiced concerns about yard debris no longer being picked up by the town. Questions about property tax uses.
- Item 2: Jennifer Wilson requested ½ of her property tax be returned and submitted a letter of concern to Mayor Hendrix.
- Item 3: Beverly gave updates on upcoming events: Ghost Walk (it is our 2nd annual Ghost Tour) and the World's Largest Ham from November 13 – 14, 2026. The 250th Celebration went very well.
- Item 4: Debbie Hill from Fresh Anointing Church will be hosting the Aurora Forum on August 11, 2026, an outreach to new business and town leaders.

7. New Business

New agenda items, proposals, discussion topics, or decisions:

- Item 10: 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:
 - RCCP Phase 4 Wastewater Treatment Plant project has completed wetland cell one, dredging of the lagoon has started (all solids removed from the first lagoon). Excavation of cell 2 should begin in mid to late August and planting should begin in late September to early October.
 - WWTP/AIA to complete inventory of the plant and Capital Improvements Plan for infrastructure repairs/replacements/upgrades. Motion was approved by Steve McCormack and seconded by Sherri Hollister.
 - Drainage ditch and tributary maintenance and easement plan could be lumped in with the pipe upgrade/replacement projects and SCM
 - Training for the Board members will be done in the Board room on August 27, 2026, from 10:00 – 12:00.
 - RK&K should have the engineering/environmental report for the Water Grant #2 completed and submitted to DWI by August 28, 2026.
 - RK&K should have the engineering/environmental report for the Sewer Grant #2 completed and submitted to DWI by August 17, 2026.
 - CDBG-I was not funded due to the town audits being behind.

8. Motions and Votes

Motion	Moved By	Seconded By	Vote/Result
<u>APPROVE/AMEND AGENDA</u>	<u>Sherri Hollister</u>	<u>Steve McCormack</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>JULY 6TH BOARD MEETING</u>	<u>Steve McCormack</u>	<u>Sherri Hollister</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>ORDINANCE/CHARTER CHANGES</u>	<u>Sherri Hollister</u>	<u>Steve McCormack</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>WWTP/AIA INVENTORY AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN</u>	<u>Steve McCormack</u>	<u>Sherri Hollister</u>	<u>Approved</u>
<u>CLOSE MEETING @ 8:56 PM</u>	<u>Galene Williams</u>	<u>Steve McCormack</u>	<u>Approved</u>

9. 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 McCormack and seconded by Commissioner Sherri Hollister.

10. Next Meeting

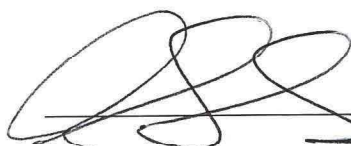
The next board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2026, at 7:00 pm.

11. Adjournment

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



Mayor Curt Hendrix



Rhonda Stallings
Interim Clerk

