

# Town of Faison

January 7, 2026

Mayor  
William "Billy" Ward, II

Commissioners:

Christy Allen  
Kenneth Avent, Jr.  
Carolyn Kenyon  
Sandy McCarty  
Carlos Quintanilla (absent)

Others Attending:  
Law Office of Joseph Ezzell, PLLC  
Sharon H. Tyndall, Town Clerk  
Jimmy Tyndall, Executive Administrator  
Matthew Scott, Recreation Director

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## **Board Meeting**

Mayor Ward opened the board meeting at 7:00 pm with a prayer followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Ward presented the agenda. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the agenda as presented and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the December 3, 2025 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward presented the comment forms.

Mayor Ward presented a proclamation for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to accept the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration proclamation and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward presented the signs that Mr. Ron Oates has offered to pay if the town will pay to have them installed. Motion made by Commissioner Kenyon to approve the signs and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward stated that FIG is having a billboard put up for the Farmers Day Parade and they would like for the town to put the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration on the billboard after the parade is over with a cost of \$ 1,000.00. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve to put a billboard up for the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that we forgot to select someone to be Mayor Pro-Tem at the December meeting. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve for Commissioner Kenyon to be the Mayor Pro-Tem and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward introduced Crystal Strickland who is running for Clerk of Court. Crystal Strickland presented to the board a summary of her life, education, work history and plans if she is elected as Clerk of Court.

Mayor Ward introduced Eric Southerland who is running for Sheriff. Eric Southerland presented to the board a summary of his life, education, work history and plans if he is elected as Sheriff.

Mayor Ward introduced Tony James who is also running for Sheriff. Tony James presented to the board a summary of his life, education, work history and plans if he is elected as Sheriff.

Mayor Ward asked Matthew Scott to report on the recreation department. Matthew Scott stated that we are kicking off the basketball season on Saturday with 31 teams. Matthew Scott stated that we have opened up volleyball and soccer signups that will follow basketball. Mayor Ward stated that we were notified by email the week before school was out for Christmas that the school will no longer be able to transport all our after-school students to the gym. They did tell us when we started this program that they would transport them if they didn't have students needing a ride to their residence. They said that they could only transport 25 of the 35 students so we will have to make two trips to pick them up on our Traverse. Jimmy Tyndall stated that they were very apologetic about this but they had no choice. Mayor Ward stated that we found out you can purchase an old school bus fairly cheap and we have been looking at the ones available at Duplin and Sampson County. The cost is around \$7,000.00 for two buses. This was tabled until we can get more information on the insurance and purchase of buses.

Mayor Ward presented a Social Media Policy for employees. Motion made by Commissioner Kenyon to approve the Social Media Policy and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that the auditor will be giving our audit report remotely. Jimmy Tyndall set up a zoom meeting with Austin Eubanks with TPSA. Austin Eubanks gave a summary of our audit stating that all work was completed and there were no material errors and compliance with government regulations. There were no internal control deficiencies but there was one FDIC performance indicator that came up. Water and Sewer Condition of Assets show that capital assets condition ratio formula calculates the remaining useful life and it signals that the need to replace the assets soon. The Town has older assets and the town needs to position themselves for future purchases. The Board of Commissioners will need to write a letter to the LGC within 60 days from today explaining that the town has a strong fund balance and you are in a financial position for future purchases and repairs.

Mayor Ward asked the board to allow us to advertise for bids for cutting the cemetery this year. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to advertise for bids for cutting the cemetery and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to go into closed session to discuss personnel with interviews with applicants for the town clerk/finance officer position at 8:19pm.

Mayor Ward stated that we are back in open session at 8:42pm. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to advertise the position on clerk net and social media again in hopes to get applicants with experience in local government and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented budget amendment #9. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve budget amendment # 9 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Avent to adjourn at 8:45pm and seconded by Commissioner McCarty.

Respectfully Submitted

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William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

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Sharon H. Tyndall, Town Clerk