

# Town of Faison

July 9, 2025

Mayor  
William "Billy" Ward, II

Commissioners:

Christy Allen  
Kenneth Avent, Jr.  
Sandy McCarty  
Carlos Quintanilla

Others Attending:  
Law Office of Joseph Ezzell, PLLC  
Sharon Lee, 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 adding paving an area on SW Center Street and changing the September board meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the agenda with the changes and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the June 4, 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 June 9, 2025 special personnel closed session meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the financials.

Mayor Ward stated that the 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration signs had been tabled, and we need to discuss this to see if we want to do these signs. A decision was made to table this again until we could get more information from Andrew Taylor.

Mayor Ward stated that we have a resignation letter from Commissioner Lee Kennedy. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to accept Lee Kennedy's resignation letter and second by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward stated that he has two years left in his term and Carolyn Kenyon has stated that she would be glad to fill his term if the board would like her to.

Mayor Ward asked Amanda Hall with Duplin County Social Services to address the board. Amanda Hall stated that she was here to give out information that they can do to help the citizens of Faison. The Duplin County Social Services can help citizens with food stamps, medicaid, work first, energy program, childcare and child support services. We have non-emergency medical transportation and social work, and all of these services are available to apply online or in person.

Mayor Ward presented a resignation letter from Crystal Mendez from the recreation department. Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to accept the resignation letter from Crystal Mendez and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Matthew Scott presented a quote to replace the awning at the gym and add an awning over the fitness room door from Sign and Awning for a total of \$2,135.00 plus tax and this was budgeted in this year's budget. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the purchase and installation of the awnings from Sign and Awning and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously. Matthew Scott stated that we are finishing up adult volleyball and look forward to doing it again. Matthew Scott stated that they just finished their summer basketball draft and will start playing every Sunday afternoon in August. Matthew Scott asked to increase registration from \$45.00 to \$50.00 per child. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to increase registration to \$50.00 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented a contract from the Law Office of Joseph Ezzell. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to accept the contract for the Law Office of Joseph Ezzell and seconded by Commissioner Quintanilla and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to update on the CDs. Sharon Lee stated that United Bank gave us a rate of 4.4% for a 7-month CD or 4.15% for a 13-month CD and Southern Bank & Trust gave us a rate of 3.85% for a 6-month CD. Sharon Lee recommended that we renew \$1,000,000.00 for General Fund and \$1,000,000.00 for Water Sewer at United Bank for 7 months and deposit the interest earned for these two CDs. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to renew \$1,000,000.00 for General Fund and \$1,000,000.00 for Water Sewer at United Bank and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that we need to accept Kornegay Insurance in this budget year. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve Kornegay Insurance \$34,009.75 and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked if everyone would like to schedule our Christmas party. After discussion it was decided to go with the Farm House for December 6, 2025 at 11:00.

Mayor Ward presented the budget amendments. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve budget amendment #14 and seconded by Commissioner Quintanilla and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve budget amendment #15 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to approve budget amendment #16 and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the resolution for the Cafeteria Plan. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve the Cafeteria Plan and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the Tax Resolution appointing Anne Letchworth as our tax collector. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the tax collector resolution and seconded by Commissioner Quintanilla and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Sharon Lee to present the delinquent taxes. Sharon Lee presented the delinquent taxes. Grace Stephens Hrs. owe \$380.00 and we have not had any luck collecting these taxes. Joey Ezzell sent them a letter to try to collect but she still has not paid any and we need to

know if we want to start the foreclosure process or not. Joey Ezzell stated that we really needed to wait a few years to start the foreclosure process because it is expensive to start foreclosure.

Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to address the board about the purchase of the Backhoe and building for the Water Plant. Jimmy Tyndall stated that they approved both in the previous budget, but we could not complete them, so we need to approve both in this budget. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the budget amendment and budget appropriation to purchase the backhoe and building for the water plant and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed.

Mayor Ward presented two quotes for an electric sign for the town hall. We have a quote from Sign and Awning for \$17,845.00 or \$19,430.00 and Katherine's Signs for \$22,000.00 and \$25,100.00. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to go with the sign with Sign and Awning for \$19,430.00 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward stated that he hired Luke Holland part time at a rate of \$10.00 per hour for the recreation department. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to hire Luke Holland at \$10.00 per hour for the recreation department and seconded by Commissioner Quintanilla and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward stated that he had hired Nathan Holloman for a vacancy in the public works department at \$12.00 per hour and would like for the board to hire him full-time at the starting rate of \$15.00 per hour. Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to hire Nathan Holloman as a full-time employee for the public works department at \$15.00 per hour and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward stated that we still have another vacancy in public works department, and we interviewed Bradley Braswell and he is interested in coming back to Faison. Commissioner McCarty stated that Bradley Braswell has worked for Faison in the past and he is now working for the Town of Mount Olive and he does have 2 certifications and working on 2 more certifications. Commissioner McCarty stated that Bradley Braswell does have sick time accumulated at the Town of Mount Olive and has asked if we can accept his sick time. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to hire Bradley Braswell at \$26.00 per hour and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve to accept Bradley Braswell's sick time from the Town of Mount Olive and seconded by Commissioner Quintanilla and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked the board to change the September board meeting from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 10<sup>th</sup>. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to change the September board meeting to September 10<sup>th</sup> and second by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to present the quote for the paving of an area on SW Center Street. Jimmy Tyndall stated that he had a quote from Ammex Paving in the amount of \$58,250.00. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the paving of SW Center Street and approve the quote from Ammex Paving in the amount of \$ 58,250.00 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Motion made by Commissioner Quintanilla to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

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Sharon Lee, Town Clerk