

# Town of Faison

June 4, 2025

Mayor  
William “Billy” Ward, II

Commissioners:

Christy Allen  
Kenneth Avent, Jr.  
Lee Kennedy  
Sandy McCarty  
Carlos Quintanilla (absent)

Others Attending:  
Law Office of Joseph Ezzell, PLLC  
Anne Letchworth, Assistant Town Clerk  
Jimmy Tyndall, Executive Administrator

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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 Allen to approve the agenda and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the May 7, 2025 regular board meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward presented the May 7, 2025 public hearing meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the public hearing meeting minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward presented the May 7, 2025 special personnel closed session meeting minutes. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to approve the minutes as presented and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the comment forms. Mayor Ward stated that the items brought to our attention have been taken care of. The complaint concerning speeding on Mary and Elias street was discussed and it was agreed that you cannot go but so fast on that street because of the limited distance. Jimmy Tyndall stated that if you are standing on the side of the road 25 mph looks fast. They may be doing the speed limit, and it still looks like they are going too fast.

Mayor Ward presented the 2025-2026 Budget Ordinance and distributed tax projections based on the information received today from Gary Rose with the Duplin County Tax Administration. Gary provided an approximate value of the tax increase for Faison which equates to an average increase of 32%, \$18,800,000. Last year taxes were billed on almost \$58,000,000. Estimated billing for 2025 is almost \$77,000,000 with a difference of approximately \$18,000,000. The projections show what the increase of revenue would be at the current tax rate of \$.0060, at the rate of \$.0055, and at the rate of \$.0050. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the 2025-2026 Budget

Ordinance with a tax rate of \$ .0048 and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the 2025-2026 General Fund line-item budget, Powell Bill and Water Sewer. Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to approve the General Fund budget, Powell Bill and Water Sewer line-item budgets and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the salary increases for 2025-26. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the salary increases listed and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Mayor Ward presented the Water Sewer rates for 2025-26. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve the Water Sewer rates for 2025-26 and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented a resignation letter from Novian Williams in the recreation department. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to accept the resignation from Novian Williams and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously.

Matthew Scott stated that the adult volleyball program is going well, and they will soon be playing the tournament. Matthew Scott would like to offer the tournament 1<sup>st</sup> place winner a free registration for that team for next year. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to award the 1<sup>st</sup> place tournament winner for adult volleyball a free registration for the following year and seconded by Commissioner McCarty and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the Budget Amendments. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve budget amendment #11 and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Avent to approve budget amendment #12 and seconded by Commissioner Allen and it passed unanimously. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to approve budget amendment #13 and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Ward presented the Property & Liability Insurance Proposals. Motion made by Commissioner Allen to accept the Property & Liability Insurance Proposals from Kornegay Insurance and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously

Mayor Ward asked Jimmy Tyndall to give an update on the backhoe. Jimmy stated that we are having problems with the backhoe. The new one will be here in July, however he is concerned that if we have a water main break, we could not handle it without a backhoe. Jimmy stated that we could rent one for a month for \$3500. The decision was not to rent, if something happens, that requires use of a backhoe before then, we will contact someone local to ask for help.

Jimmy Tyndall read a resignation letter from Robert Mullis. Robert Mullis is going to work for Culligan Water; his last day will be June 18th. Motion made by Commissioner McCarty to accept the resignation from Robert Mullis and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Jimmy Tyndall also stated that we need to advertise for two positions for public works. Commissioner Kennedy made a motion to advertise for 2 full-time positions for public works and seconded by Commissioner Avent and it passed unanimously.

Jimmy Tyndall stated that we have secured fireworks for the 250th Celebration. We need to set the date for the celebration. Commissioner McCarty made the motion to have the celebration June 27, 2026, from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Stewart Precythe Sports Complex and seconded by Commissioner Kennedy, and it passed unanimously. Jimmy stated that we will ask FIG to secure vendors, food trucks, etc.

Motion made by Commissioner Kennedy to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

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William "Billy" Ward, II, Mayor

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Anne Letchworth, Assistant Town Clerk