

**TOWN OF HOPE MILLS BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2017 AT 5:30 P.M.
EMERGENCY MEETING BILL LUTHER BOARD MEETING ROOM**

Mayor Jackie Warner called the emergency meeting of the Hope Mills Board of Commissioners to order on Friday, January 13, 2017 at 6:02 p.m.

The purpose of the emergency meeting is to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6) to discuss Personnel matters. The Board may or may not take action pertaining to the personnel matters.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mayor Jackie Warner, Mayor Pro Tem Bob Gorman, Commissioners Pat Edwards, Bryan Marley and Jerry Legge.

GOVERNING BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None.

STAFF PRESENT

Town Manager John W. Ellis III, Town Clerk Melissa P. Adams, Deputy Town Clerk Deborah Holland, Parks & Recreation Director Kenny Bullock, Finance Director Drew Holland, Stormwater Administrator Beth Brown, Police Chief Joel Acciaro, Planning and Development Administrator Chancer McLaughlin and Town Attorney Dan Hartzog, Jr.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Mayor Warner.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Jerry Legge and carried unanimously, to conduct a closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11 (a) (6) to discuss personnel matters.

At 6:02 p.m. Mayor Warner instructed the Board to assemble in the Board Room to conduct a closed session.

At 7:37 p.m. Mayor Warner called the session back to order.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to seal the minutes of the closed session until such time as the release of the information will no longer frustrate the purpose of the closed session, and further no action was taken.

Mayor Warner commented they had reached a written agreement while in closed session and asked for a motion.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Legge and carried unanimously, to accept the resignation agreement and release of Town Manager John Ellis.

Mayor Warner signed the agreement and commented this would be public record.

Town Manager John Ellis read his resignation to the Board.

Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Gorman, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to appoint Melissa Adams as the Interim Town Manager/Town Clerk.

Mayor Warner administered the oath of office to Melissa P. Adams.

Interim Town Manager Adams was directed by the Board to advertise for a Town Manager starting January 17, 2017 through February 17, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT.

Motion made by Commissioner Legge, seconded by Commissioner Marley and carried unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

At 7:47 p.m. Mayor Warner adjourned the meeting.

JACKIE WARNER, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Deborah Holland, Deputy Town Clerk