



Board of Commissioners
Regular Business Meeting
December 2, 2025 – 6:30 PM
502 Southtown Circle, Rolesville, NC 27571

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Ronnie Currin,
Mayor Pro Tem Dan Alston
Commissioner April Sneed
Commissioner Lenwood Long
Commissioner Michael Paul
Commissioner Paul Vilga
Commissioner Jenn Bernat
Wake County Judge Craig Croom
Wake County Judge Ashleigh Parker
Town Attorney Dave Neill
Town Manager Eric Marsh
Town Clerk Christy Ynclan Frazier
Police Chief David Simmons

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ronnie Currin called the Rolesville Board of Commissioners' regular organizational meeting to order at 6:35 PM on December 2, 2025, after allowing time for the large crowd to get settled. He noted that due to the good turnout, they would start about five minutes late to accommodate everyone getting situated. The Mayor expressed appreciation for the strong attendance, acknowledging several dignitaries present, including members of the NC Senate and the NC House, as well as current and aspiring future commissioners.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Invocation led by Reverend Michael Eley Sr. of New Bethel Baptist Church

The Navy National Defense Corps from Rolesville High School presented the colors, with Mayor Ronnie Currin noting that it was a brand-new group and possibly its first public appearance. He welcomed them warmly, asking everyone to stand for the color honors and remain standing for the invocation. Reverend Michael Eley Sr. led the invocation.

3. Recognition of Outgoing Members – Commissioner Paul Vilga

Mayor Ronnie Currin spoke about the bittersweet nature of this time, expressing how the board had bonded with Commissioner Vilga for a long time. He highlighted Vilga's service to the community, even before he was elected commissioner, including leading the fireworks celebration with his wife for several years when no one else did. The Mayor noted Vilga's continued work on the board for parks and recreation and stated they would certainly miss him.

Commissioner Paul Vilga then took the floor to deliver his farewell remarks, which he had written down. He began by thanking God for strength and his family for their

sacrifice and support over the past eight years. Vilga shared that his family moved to Rolesville in 2012 with four children ranging from 9 to almost 2 years old, noting how "time sure does fly by." He proudly mentioned that their then nearly 2-year-old is now a freshman at Rolesville High School, two are in college or working, and the oldest is a college graduate, married, working full time, and has blessed them with their first grandchild, Evelyn May.

Vilga detailed his family's involvement in the community, including coaching several sports over 9 years, helping manage the town's Fourth of July event for 4 years, and representing citizens for the past 8 years. He emphasized his commitment by noting he had only missed three regularly scheduled meetings in eight years - two for funerals and one for a wedding. He shared that seven months after his first term started, he had emergency gallbladder surgery and was diagnosed with kidney cancer but missed no time due to either condition. He clarified, "I don't mention these things for pity, but rather to hopefully show my commitment to this town through the last several years, and also ask that you extend some of your grace to our commissioners. They are fathers and mothers, husbands and wives, sons and daughters, just like those that they represent."

He recounted a special memory from his two years as Mayor Pro Tem, sharing how he had joked to his mother back in West Virginia that one day he'd be mayor of a town. On the only night Mayor Ronnie Currin had to be absent, Vilga covered the meeting, feeling honored by the statement of being "mayor for Rolesville, even if it was for one meeting only."

Expressing regret that he wouldn't be on the board for the nation's 250th anniversary celebration, Vilga tied his tenure to the words "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." He explained how these related to his work: Life through the installation of school zone signs and lighted crosswalks for safe paths to school; Liberty through the military banner program and Fourth of July celebrations honoring those who defend freedom; and Pursuit of Happiness through environmental initiatives including Arbor Day celebrations, pollinator gardens at Town Hall and Redford Place Park, and advocacy for greenways and parkland in new developments.

Vilga emphasized his eight years as parks and recreation liaison, thanking staff and the advisory committee for their work making Rolesville "a great and natural area that everyone can enjoy." He noted Rolesville is a nine-year Tree City USA member and part of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

In closing, he thanked the mayor, past and present boards, the town attorney, the town management and staff, and all supporting elements. He expressed gratitude to Rolesville citizens for their trust and asked everyone to "continue to work together to make our town even greater." He concluded, "Based on our family's prior work in town, I'm not too sure this is goodbye, but rather until I see you again. May God bless us all and continue to bless the great town of Rolesville."

Mayor Ronnie Currin, without opposition, asked for Vilga's words to be entered into the record. He reiterated that Vilga had "probably missed a hundred things that he worked on," particularly praising his dedication to doing homework and always knowing what was going on, with several people nodding in agreement. The Mayor emphasized they would miss Vilga's communication skills, noting he was "a big communicator to the public, keeping the public informed" even before joining the board. A plaque was presented to Commissioner Vilga.

4. Swearing-in Ceremony

COMmissioner Dan Alston

Judge Craig Croom administered the oath of office to Dan Alston.

Commissioner Jennifer Jenn Bernat

Judge Ashley Parker administered the oath of office to Jennifer Jenn Bernat. Judge Parke noted this was her pleasure to be there, mentioning that Rolesville is in her GPS as well. She had Jenn Bernat face the people she would serve as she took the oath.

Commissioner April Sneed

Judge Ashley Parker also swore in April Sneed for her second term. The judge remarked this was her third time swearing in Sneed, having first done so in 2020 when she was appointed, then in 2021 when she won election, noting how "time flies" as they were now in 2025. She thanked Sneed for her continued service to the citizens of Rolesville.

5. Nomination and Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Mayor Ronnie Currin explained that the Mayor Pro Tem position is not an appointment by the mayor under the charter but instead requires a board vote, with the Mayor Pro Tem needing approval from their peers to represent them in the mayor's absence. He mentioned that Paul Vilga had once stepped up to this role. The Mayor opened the floor for nominations.

Commissioner April Sneed moved to nominate Commissioner Dan Alston to the position of Mayor Pro Tem. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lenwood Long and approved unanimously.

6. Swearing in of Mayor Pro Tem

Judge Croom administered the oath of office to Dan Alston as Mayor Pro Tem.

7. Advisory Board Liaison Appointments

Mayor Ronnie Currin announced his appointees for the new board, stating this was a charter obligation:

Board Liaison Appointments:

- April Sneed: Liaison to Parks and Recreation Board (taking Paul Vilga's place)
- Lenwood Long: Liaison to Planning Board
- Jennifer Jenn Bernat: Liaison to Public Safety
- Dan Alston: Liaison to Veterans Affairs (continuing)
- Michael Paul: Liaison to Senior Citizens

Committee Chair Appointments:

- Downtown Development Association: Michael Paul continuing as director, Mayor as ex officio
- Budget Committee: Michael Paul as chair, Lenwood Long serving with him
- Nominating Committee (serving 2 years for board nominations):
- Planning Board: Lenwood Long, chair, with Michael Paul
- Parks & Recreation Board: April Sneed, chair, with Jennifer Jenn Bernat
- Board of Adjustments: Dan Alston, chair, with Mayor Ronnie Currin
- Tree Board: No committee needed this year as all members are continuing

New Special Committee: Mayor Ronnie Currin announced the creation of a Veterans Park Design Committee (one-function committee) with members:

- Dan Alston (Chair)
- Pam Eagles (Garden Club)
- Joe Grimm (9/11 organizer)
- Randy Bright (Veterans Memorial Wake Forest)
- Harriet (volleyball facility owner/operator and 9/11 first responder who was there on 9/11)
- Potential Wake County Public Schools representative to be determined

Regional Organization Alternates:

- North Carolina League of Municipalities: Lenwood Long Jr. (alternate to Mayor)
- Central Pines Regional Council: Dan Alston (alternate)
- Capital Area Metropolitan Planning Organization (CAMPO): Michael Paul (alternate)

The Mayor thanked board members for taking on these extra volunteer duties, praising the commissioners as a group that "works hard, doesn't mind working, and doesn't mind serving the community."

[8. Review of Agenda by the New Board and Addition/Changes of Items of New Business to the Agenda for Consideration](#)

The board reviewed the agenda and made a motion to approve it as presented.

Commissioner Lenwood Long moved to approve the agenda.

Commissioner April Sneed seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

[9. Public Invited to be Heard](#)

Steve Rao from Morrisville approached the podium, introducing himself as a Morrisville city councilman of 14 years and Mayor Pro Tem for 2 years. He joked that his GPS wasn't connecting to his Apple card, but he'd been to Rolesville so much he remembered how to get there. Rao stated that December 9th would be his last city

council meeting in Morrisville after 14 years, calling it "one of the greatest chapters of my life." He emphasized the importance of regional collaboration, saying, "I think we often forget how important regional collaboration is. So that's my only words of encouragement and wisdom is just, you know, continue to collaborate with your governments across the country."

Rao mentioned he had ideas about technology and innovation, believing that AI and other technologies are moving so fast that towns can share best practices. He thanked each board member for their service, saying everyone on the board is a friend of his and he had just met Jennifer, hoping she'd become a friend soon. When asked by Mayor Ronnie Currin about his last name, Rao explained he's running for Wake County Commissioner and that "RAO" stands for Results (citing Morrisville's accomplishments), Action (working with residents and colleagues), and Opportunity - joking that "RAO is a spaghetti sauce as well" and that he wants to "turn Rolesville into Rao-lesville."

George Garcia of 524 Averett Road spoke next, thanking the board for putting up 35 mph signs coming into Jones Dairy and their area. He noted the speed sensor that had been there was gone, presumably malfunctioning, and requested it be replaced because "people still don't recognize the 35." Garcia expressed concern about people unfamiliar with the area flying by, especially those coming out of Jones Dairy, making a right into Rolesville, and folks coming from Highway 98. He warned, "someone's going to get hurt," explaining that if people were obeying the speed limit, there would be ample time to slow down. He reminded the board that someone was killed at his house about 10 years ago.

Mayor Ronnie Currin acknowledged receiving a letter from a resident in Elizabeth Springs. He suggested they look at the entire length of Averett Road to determine whether they have the authority to install 35 mph limits on the entire road, given the increasing number of houses. He noted uncertainty about jurisdiction since they don't control both sides and mentioned Old Pierce Road as another longstanding request for speed reduction, where people have also been killed. Commissioner Lenwood Long suggested exploring digital speed signs that display drivers' speed. The Mayor asked the police chief to take note of this for further discussion.

Mike Evans of 204 Cavanaugh Road spoke about the Atticus Woods zoning issue that borders Cavanaugh Road. He stated that the neighborhood would share ideas, comments, and concerns in writing before the zoning hearings, clarifying, "We're not trying to stop it, but we are concerned about a couple of things that are going on." Evans expressed specific concern about the most recent render showing Classical Way coming through the 28-acre commercial plot and emptying onto Cavanaugh Road, which would "create a lot of traffic on Cavanaugh Road." He explained that people coming home from Highway 98 wouldn't wait to get through the light at Averett and 98 but would instead "turn right on Classical Way, come right down into Elizabeth Springs, left on Cavanaugh, and then head home."

Evans argued against connectivity in this case, stating, "it doesn't seem like that connectivity ought to apply connecting a 28-acre commercial plot with a grocery store and a gas station... emptying right into a large residential area. Seems like we ought to be able to come up with a better solution than that." He confirmed he had submitted a report of concern on the website and that neighbors would do the same.

When asked about the Elizabeth Springs homeowners association, Mayor Ronnie Currin suggested that the HOA president contact them directly.

10. Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the following items:

- 10.a. Minutes from November 6, 2025**
- 10.b. Adoption of scheduled meetings for 2026**
- 10.c. Declaration of Restrictive Covenant – The Pearce Land**
- 10.d. City of Raleigh - Parks and Recreation Sewer Easement**
- 10.e. Authorize (1) Additional Police Officer and Adopt Policy Ordinance Amendment**
- 10.f. Approval of Interlocal Agreement between Wake County and Wake County Public Municipal Parties for participation in the ECU eMPA professional degree program**
- 10.g. FY 25-26 Budget Amendment**
- 10.h. Main Street LAPP Project- Capital Project Ordinance Amendment**

The board decided to pull item 10.h (Main Street LAPP Project) for separate discussion under item 12. Old Business.

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Alston moved to approve Consent Agenda Item 10.a through 10.g, pulling 10.h for later discussion. Commissioner Michael Paul seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Michael Paul, as legal counsel to the Rolesville Rural Fire Department, was recused from Item 10.c—Pearce Land, consent vote.

11. Staff Report

Two staff reports were provided only by memo: the Economic Development report and the Planning Department report. Mayor Ronnie Currin noted these were "excellent, detailed reports" and encouraged the public to review them as well.

12. Old Business

Capital Projects – Main Street Project Budget Amendment – Administration Department

Town Manager Eric Marsh presented the budget amendment for the Main Street project, explaining it as a LAP (Locally Administered Project) supporting the Main Street improvement plan vision, loosely referred to as U-6241. He clarified that this is a federally funded project that the town is administering on behalf of NCDOT, which has been ongoing for the last 18 months and is now in the closing phase, with the majority of the work completed.

Marsh explained that when the project was approved in 2018 and construction began in 2021, they knew costs would increase over time due to supply constraints and inflation. He noted that it's typical for municipal infrastructure projects to uncover unexpected issues once ground is broken. The federal funding came through CAMPO, and the agreement provided for 80% reimbursement, with the town paying 20%.

The budget amendment requires transferring \$3.4 million from the general fund to the project budget. Marsh detailed the reasons for cost increases:

- Utility conflicts: GIS system inaccuracies meant water lines, sewer lines, and other utilities weren't where they were supposed to be, requiring extensive potholing and physical location of utilities.
- Water system upgrades: Referenced as "the great waterline issue" requiring complete replacement, essentially becoming a project within the project.
- Contaminated soil: Found in two locations - the temporary parking lot and roadside. A gas station from long ago near Suzanne's Antiques was discovered only after contamination was found, verified verbally by a longtime resident.
- Flagging and signage: Being intentional about maintaining access for residents and businesses with light boards and proper signage.
- Inflation: Material shortages and prices on steel goods, plus requirements for American-made products.

Marsh stated the total project cost to complete is \$26.4 million. Of the \$3.4 million transfer, they anticipate \$2.3 million will be reimbursed through various sources, including the City of Raleigh (for waterline work), CAMPO, and ongoing Walbrook development work. The \$1.1 million gap includes temporary road construction (about \$680,000) and other non-reimbursable expenses.

During extensive discussion, board members asked numerous questions:

Commissioner Jenn Bernat inquired about reimbursement timing. Marsh explained that it's a monthly process: they pay contractors, then immediately submit for reimbursement through NCDOT's portal.

Commissioner Michael Paul asked if the \$3.4 million transfer would adversely impact other projects. Marsh confirmed it would not.

Commissioner Lenwood Long asked whether the 80% reimbursement could be higher. Marsh clarified that the 80/20 split is fixed, but they're working to get more items approved for reimbursement, citing French drains as an example of a \$160,000 change they believe will be reimbursed, though they can't confirm until DOT approves.

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Alston asked about the timing of payments related to project completion. Marsh explained that they must pay contractors within 45 days of completed work, regardless of reimbursement status, but they retain 3-5% until the project punch list is completed. Town Attorney Dave Neill clarified that state law limits public construction retainage to 5% maximum for projects over \$100,000.

Mayor Ronnie Currin pressed for clarity on when exact reimbursement numbers from the City of Raleigh and CAMPO would be known. Marsh said it would be "this week,"

explaining they're carefully parsing line items to ensure accuracy since multiple project components pull from the same budget lines.

The Mayor requested a January update showing original town funding commitment (which he recalled as about \$4.3 million) compared to the current projection, timeline for reimbursements, and answers to all questions raised.

Regarding streetlight installation, Marsh provided a detailed timeline: Duke Energy will install lights December 8-17, starting at the Main and Young intersection and moving south, while Wake Electric will begin the third week of December on the Walbrook side. Both utilities want completion before the holiday break. The installation will be minimally invasive as the conduit has already been run.

Commissioner Lenwood Long emphasized the need to hold contractors accountable beyond just financial measures, asking about checks and balances. He also questioned whether buffers like this should be built into future projects. Marsh confirmed they do build contingencies - 15% for infrastructure, 5% for engineering services, 10% for other areas, depending on risk assessment.

Commissioner Lenwood Long moved to approve the Capital Project Ordinance Amendment for the LAPP grants fund dated December 2, 2025. Commissioner Jenn Bernat seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

13. New Business -NONE

14. Communications

Town Attorney

Dave Neill initially had no communications but then clarified the 5% retainage limit on public construction projects over \$100,000 in response to Commissioner Lenwood Long's earlier question, noting towns are limited in ways private parties would not be.

Town Manager

Eric Marsh highlighted the interlocal agreement passed in the consent agenda, explaining Wake County municipalities collaborated to make an executive MPA program available through ECU for just over \$10,000 - a significant cost reduction for a master's in public administration. He emphasized that this demonstrates their commitment to staff training and making public service careers accessible.

Marsh announced he would be away Tuesday through Thursday next week for Leadership North Carolina's education week fellowship in Greensboro, with Steven acting in his absence. He expressed excitement about learning and bringing resources back to town.

The Town Manager revealed he would participate in Sunday's Christmas parade with "a surprise" related to his hobby, encouraging everyone to attend. When Commissioner Lenwood Long asked for clarity about "hobby" versus "hobbit," Marsh joked he was "born not a hobbit" and said his participation reflects the desire to be "more visible and be more in the community and have more fun."

- Continued work on watershed annexation (ongoing since 1992, requiring coordination between Rolesville, Raleigh, and Wake County)

Town services:

- Standalone post office serving all residents
- Enhanced local veteran services
- Wake County Public Library (funded and ready to proceed)

Economic development:

- Restaurants and new retail
- WakeMed facility (approvals mostly complete, intersection work needed)
- New professional center for services like stockbrokers and lawyers (distinct from retail/medical)

Staff priorities:

- Town campus first phase (fire department, police department, site plan, veterans memorial)
- Farm activation (with \$12 million allocated, potentially \$20 million with matching funds)
- Community center planning and location determination

The Mayor emphasized these align with the town's goals and strategic plan, expressing excitement about the next two years while acknowledging some items, like the watershed and post office, are less within their control.

Commissioner April Sneed reminded everyone about upcoming events: Sunday's Christmas parade at 2:00 PM, Monday's tree lighting at 5:00 PM, and Friday's Mingle on Main from 5:30-8:30 PM.

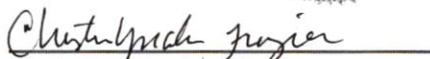
15. Adjourn

Mayor Ronnie Currin adjourned the meeting without opposition at 8:31 PM.





 Ronnie Currin, Mayor



 Christina Ynclan Frazier

Town Board

Town Clerk Christy Ynclan-Frazier informed the board that nothing was scheduled for the December 16th Work Session and asked whether they wanted to hold or cancel it.

Commissioner April Sneed moved to cancel the December 16th meeting. Mayor Pro Tem Dan Alston seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Jenn Bernat noted she would be out of town on January 13 for the CIP meeting. After discussing whether she could attend virtually and the possibility of rescheduling based on consultant availability, it was decided to explore options and finalize in January, with virtual participation or recorded viewing as backup.

Commissioner Jenn Bernat thanked the public for their vote and trust, promising to "hold true, to do my best, to work with my fellow council members, and just continue to build Rolesville in this fantastic direction that we're rolling into."

Commissioner Lenwood Long encouraged support for the police department's Shop with a Cop program in December, noting applications had closed. He mentioned stopping by the fire station and being told they have peppermint candy canes for visitors, joking, "If they don't, they will have them now." He also noted he would emcee the parade again at the corner of Main Street, asking people to "show me some love there with some hot chocolate because it is going to be cold."

Mayor Pro Tem Dan Alston praised the Navy National Defense Corps' performance, noting that he attended their banquet and inaugural ball. He said the emotional response from parents seeing their children have secondary options beyond college, adding, "Hope they go to the Army beat Navy," despite the Navy program. He thanked Dan and others for their work in making the program happen, noting they have 31 students in this first year, with hopes of 40 next semester.

Mayor Ronnie Currin delivered extensive closing remarks, first thanking the board for their achievements over the past two years:

- Fire department merger/unification after five years of work
- Landing a 55-and-over retirement community of about 550 homes
- Increased senior citizen activities through Parks and Recreation
- Veterans Joel Center opening
- Affordable housing plan approval and Habitat for Humanity project
- Cobblestone opening with first residents
- Walbrook's second grocery store
- Main Street project progress

The Mayor then outlined priorities for the new board across four categories:

Legislative priorities:

- Downtown parking zone for parking and stormwater
- Senior citizen center (not currently in CIP but wants it included)