



Town of Micro
Board of Commissioners SPECIAL Budget Work Session
MINUTES
Thursday - March 26, 2026
4:00 p.m.
Micro Town Hall

Elected Officials Present:

Marty Parnell, Mayor
Tim Earp, Mayor Pro Tem
Kevin Worley, Commissioner

Others Present:

Lee Worsley, Central Pines COG
Kimberly Moffett, Town Clerk
Christy Thomas, Finance Officer
Jason Banks, Public Works Director
Joey Creech, Micro Fire Chief

Elected Officials Absent:

Katy Garcia, Commissioner

1. CALL TO ORDER

- Call to Order
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Invocation

Maor Parnell called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m. He led everyone in the Pledge and offered the Invocation

2. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Recommendation for Appointment of Town of Micro Representative to the Johnston County Economic Development Board – Donnie Lassiter, Applicant

Ms. Moffett stated that Mr. Lassiter had applied for re-appointment to the Johnston County Economic Development Board. The county will make the final appointment; however, they request recommendations from the town.

ACTION: Recommend Appointment of Mr. Lassiter

Motion: Commissioner Worley
Second: Mayor Pro Tem Earp
Vote: Unanimous

- b. The Board of Commissioners will continued discussion/work on creation of the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Lee Worsley of the Central Pines Council on Governments was present and facilitated the meeting.

Mr. Worsley stated the town was making great progress with fund balance. A draft budget was prepared, and a copy was provided to everyone. It was agreed that discussion would go line by line starting with the General Fund. Mr. Worsley stated that the property tax revenue figure included in the draft budget was obtained by applying the tax rate with the collection rate of 98.7%. A 2.2% COLA was included. With reference to expenditure there were no major changes noted. With reference to loans, the GO Bond will be paid off in 2027 and the USDA Loan for the public works building was a long-term loan, so that will not be paid off for quite some time. It was

stated that both loans should be in the utility fund and a budget amendment will be needed. There was a decrease in expenditure in the utility funds due to contracts that will not be in place next year. It was agreed that funding for PD vehicle maintenance be added to include \$500 for maintenance and \$100 for gas.

With proposed changes to the fire tax an expected amount of \$66,000 was included in the draft budget. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the Johnston County proposed cost share fire tax and the large increase needed to meet that proposed obligation. It was agreed that to be able to make a payment in that amount, there would need to be tax increase. It was stated that there have been numerous meetings with Johnston County Mayors related to this proposed cost share. There has been discussion about possibility of having Johnston County take over the fire district. No final decisions have been made. It was also agreed that a public meeting will be held in conjunction with the Fire Department to share details and information about the proposed Cost Share Fire Tax and what that may mean to the residents with reference to a possible tax increase.

There was lengthy discussion about numerous line items and several amendments were made. Mr. Worsley will add all these proposed changes and bring them back to the council for discussion at the next budget meeting.

It was agreed that the next budget meeting would be held on Thursday – April 9, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

3. ADJOURNMENT


a. Adjourn the Meeting

With there being nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

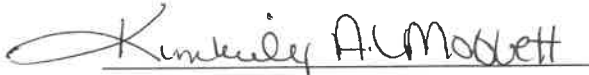
ACTION: Motion to Adjourn

Motion:	Commissioner Worley
Second:	Mayor Pro Tem Earp
Vote:	Unanimous

Duly adopted this the 14th day of April, 2026 while in regular session.


Tim Earp
Mayor ProTem

ATTEST:


Kimberly A. Moffett, CMC, NCCMC
Town Clerk

