

**BURNSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL / YANCEY COUNTY COMMISSION**  
**Joint Special Meeting - Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 5:30pm**  
**Burnsville Town Center**

On Tuesday, August 2, 2022, the Burnsville Town Council with Mayor Russell Fox and members Judy Buchanan, Denise Collier, Randy Ollis and Bill Wheeler present, held a joint special meeting with the Yancey County Commission including Chairman Jeff Whitson, and members Mark Ledford, David Grindstaff, Jon Ray, and Jill Austin at the Burnsville Town Center. Also in attendance was EDC Director Jamie McMahan, Town Manager Heather Hockaday, Public Works Director Shane Dale, Town Clerk Chad Fox, County Manager Lynn Austin, County Attorney Donny Laws, County Finance Officer Brandi Burleson, and County Clerk Sonya Morgan, among others.

Mayor Russell Fox called the meeting to order for the Town Council at 5:34pm. County Chairman Jeff Whitson then called the County Commission to order and approved the agenda.

Mayor Fox welcomed everyone and began by expressing gratitude for the relationship with the County as they work together on common goals. Chairman Whitson concurred completely, saying he was happy to be working together to benefit the citizens.

Town Manager Heather Hockaday presented a breakdown, attached to these minutes, of current ARPA funding from the State, possible remaining funds for the Town in the fall grant cycle, current CDBG-I funding for the West sewer interceptor line, and a specific project list for obligated funding.

Members of the Town, County, and EDC discussed the project list and several aspects of local infrastructure. Mrs. Hockaday described the current state of the wastewater treatment plant, permitted amounts allowed to discharge, and the challenges of expansion. She explained the issue of excessive inflow and infiltration into the Town's wastewater system and recent equipment and line failures. Solutions to increasing wastewater treatment capacity at Pine Swamp and Micaville and reducing inflow and infiltration were discussed.

Other high priority projects such as a replacement of the Baker's Creek Pump Station and increasing raw water capacity were considered.

How best to procure projects, crafting interlocal agreements, the process of applying to DEQ, developing scopes of work for all of the projects, and how to efficiently administer the grants, were all talked about at length.

Yancey County Commissioner Jon Ray moved to approve the scope of work for projects 1(a), 5(a), 5(b), 5(c), and 5(d), in the presented list of projects, authorize County staff to submit the appropriate paperwork to DEQ, proceed with engineering procurement, and, to the extent that it is necessary, authorize and negotiate an interlocal agreement with the Town of Burnsville and execute all of the documents when received. Commissioner Mark Ledford seconded the motion, which carried. All County Commissioners were in agreement.

Adjourn - With there being no further business, Town Councilor Randy Ollis moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:11pm. Councilor Denise Collier seconded the motion, meeting adjourned.

  
J. Chad Fox, Town Clerk



  
T. Russell Fox, Mayor

**CURRENT ARPA FUNDING FROM THE STATE**

Yancey County '21-22 State Budget Earmark	\$13,000,000.00 for water and wastewater projects
Yancey County amended '22-23 State Budget Earmark	\$ 3,050,000.00 For WWTP repair project
Town of Burnsville DEQ ARPA Grants*	\$12,169,494.00 for various w/s projects
TOTAL FUNDING ALLOCATED TO DATE	\$28,219,494.00
TOTAL FUNDING CURRENTLY OBLIGATED FUNDING FOR SPECIFIC PROJECTS**	\$20,169,634.00
REMAINING FUNDING TO OBLIGATE***	\$ 7,921,430.00

**Possible remaining ARPA funding for Town in fall grant cycle with DEQ \$2,830,506.00.**

**Current CDBG-I funding for West Sewer Interceptor Line-\$2,000,000.00**

Current specific project list for obligated funding: Water and Sewer Infrastructure Issues to be addressed utilizing DEQ grants and County Earmarks:

1. Treatment capacity at Pine Swamp and EY WWTP
  - a. \*\*Rehab and install additional treatment unit at P.S. WWTP insuring 800 MGD capacity and allowing for potential of 1.1 million in treatment capacity in the future. (County earmark/ARPA- \$6,050,000.00)
2. Sewer Collection system issues (extreme I&I)
  - a. \*\*Repair East Interceptor line/manholes (DEQ/ARPA grant-\$2,153,570.00)
  - b. \*\*Replace Baker's Creek Pump Station (Oldest in the system) (DEQ/ARPA grant-\$599,500)
3. Raw water capacity at Burnsville WTP plant and beyond
  - a. \*\*WTP addition of EQ basin for waste water and various needed upgrades to plant.(DEQ/ARPA Grant-\$1,345,706)
  - b. \*\*Raw water redundancy line repairs from Bolens Creek and rehab/replace raw water pumps at Cane River intake along with upsizing line from CRI to plant (DEQ/ARPA grant-\$2,221,191)
4. Water Distribution issues
  - a. \*\*Replace main water line and various feeder lines on East and West side of Town (main lines installed in 1910) (DEQ/ARPA grant-\$5,849,527)
5. Expansion projects:
  - a. \*\*SEWER: Charlie Brown/Mtn View-extension and pump station (County earmark \$1,261,320)
  - b. \*\*Locate wells for additional capacity in West Yancey area at Baker's Creek DOT property (County earmark \$688,820)
  - c. Repairs to EY WWTP and collection system per April 2022 N.O.V. from regional DEQ (County earmark need estimate on repairs)
  - d. Connection of OMC pump station to EY WWTP (County earmark-\$166,170.00)