



WINGATE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
JUNE 13, 2023 AT 6:00 PM

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The Wingate Board of Commissioners met in regular session in the Wingate Government Center, 101 W. Wilson St., with the following persons in attendance:

**Present:** Mayor Gary Hamill, Commissioners: Greg Doyle, John Mangum, Thomas LeGrand, and Peggy Taylor

**Staff:** Manager Brad Sellers, Asst. Town Manager Karen Wingo, Town Clerk Lisa Griffin

**Others:** Jim Black, Ray Smith, Kenneth Thompson

**Call to Order**

At 5:00 PM, Mayor Hamill called the meeting to order; a quorum was present.

**Approval of Agenda**

Mayor Hamill asked for any changes to the agenda.

**Motion** by Commissioner Lowery to approve the agenda as presented.

**Second** by Commissioner Mangum and unanimously approved.

**Budget Discussion**

Assistant Manager Wingo prefaced the meeting with a timeline.

2012-ABC store first opened

2013-Allowed the store to keep all profits

2015-Allowed store to reduce min distribution from \$38,000 to \$16,000

2016-Allowed the store to keep \$30,000 for POS credit system

2019 Allowed store to accumulate up to \$500,000 for building fund

Distributions to date are \$373,919.

Board Member Smith advised the Board that he is aware of the \$500,000 accumulation resolution and they have not met the \$500,000 threshold as the audit suggested. Current balance to date is \$442,558. The ABC Board is actively pursuing land to build a new building and by allowing them to build and pay for it as quickly as possible the Town would have more revenue. It would be an asset to the Town. Presently their building is leased.

The Commissioners discussed a future distribution rate of 75/25%. Normally, approximately 33% distribution is received and most towns receive around 70%. The Town was hoping to increase to about \$150,000 annually. There was a discrepancy about the current capital fund. ABC Board Chairman Smith asked about a rate of 60/40%.

Manager Sellers stated that we need to keep in mind the mission of the ABC store which is to provide a revenue stream for the Town.

Chairman Smith commented that moving forward they are more than willing to work with the Board of Commissioners but it is the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of approving a new budget.

Manager Sellers advised that the Town does not want a new building for the store at this time but maybe in the future. Perhaps it could be a part of the Downtown Initiative.

The Boards were not in agreement and a decision was made to meet after the ABC Budget meeting on June 19.

**Adjourn - 5:30 PM**

Being no additional business, Mayor Hamill entertained a motion to adjourn.

**Motion** by Commissioner Lowery to adjourn the regular meeting.

**Second** by Commissioner LeGrand and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Gary R. Hamill, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

  
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Lisa N. Griffin, Town Clerk

**Approved:** 06/20/2023

