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The regular meeting of the Lansing Board of Alderman was held on March 08, 2010 at the Lansing Town Hall. In attendance were Mayor Jason Ring, Alderman Bill Cline, Mauvine Shepherd, Brenda Reeves, and George Rembert. Also Bernice Prestwood, Town Clerk, Larry Blevins, and Beth Rembert. The meeting began at seven o'clock with Mayor Ring asking for the approval of the minutes. George Rembert made a motion to accept the minutes. It was seconded by Brenda Reeves, and all agreed. Motion carried.

The floor was given to Craig Hughes with the High Country Council of Government planning Board. Mr. Hugh was here on behalf of the Ashe County Comprehensive Transportation Planning Board. He gave us several maps on the county. Adoption Sheet, Highway Map, Public Transportation and Rail Map, Bicycle Map, Pedestrian Map. The DOT and local officials and local planning officials get together and discuss the long term need of the county. Each map is show the need that these officials feel the county need or needs improvement. The Highway Map is broken down to show the needs of improvement to highways and roads. The Public Transportation Map and Rail Map show the Ashe County Transportation authority map. It shows part of their route. The Bicycle Map shows the on road, off road and multi-use paths for bicyclist use, and may need improvements. The Pedestrian Map shows sidewalks, off road, and multi-use paths that may need improvements. Nothing is set in stone. Changes can be made. This has been in the planning for over a year. Several workshops, and questionnaires had been made. Mr. Hughes needs approval of the Board. George Rembert said that it needs to be done. Bill Cline made a motion to accept the plan. Brenda Reeves second the

motion. It was agreed upon and passed. Beth Rembert asks Mr. Hughes if there are any ways to make a cross walk for people to cross the street in Lansing. Mr. Hughes said there are several ways that it could be done. Over head bridges, large humps, Caution lights. Mr. Rembert said that he would like to see more done on this end of the county. Mayor Ring asks what can be done to slow traffic down. Cones, island dividers, traffic circles, speed humps, are a few thing that can be done. If the Town wanted to put something in the Town, they would have to contact Mr. Hughes for his help. A he would advise us.

Mayor Ring asks Steve Greer to come forward and take the oath of office. Mr. Greer did swear to the oath of office and signed the Alderman's official oath. He now joins the other Alderman's in the meeting.

Tim Church addressed the Board about mapping the water lines, and fixing the values and other problems. He brought a proposal. In the proposal he stated what his cure would do to fix and repair the lines. Mr. Church said he did not know how long it would take to do this. He gave an estimate on three eight hour Saturdays at \$30.00 per hour per man (2 men). The Town would assume the cost of risers, lids, valve markers, Backhoe (if needed) and other typical materials. Ring told of a break in the line in Les Roops field that needed to be fix. This break was to be fixed some time ago, but was not fixed. George Rembert said this was very badly needed. Bill Cline made a motion to accept the proposal of Mr. Church and have him and his cure to fix the lines. Bill Cline second, and all agreed. Motion carried.

Beth Rembert and Larry Blevins were recognized by Mayor Ring to address the Board. They spoke about a project that the LTC has considered. They have worked on the Public Computer Center for over a year and a half. Project development for Lansing has proceeded along three divisions; 1) projects that improve the appearance and functionality of the town; 2) projects that assist with marketing and outreach to the target audiences; and 3) projects that add new product to the community. Organizing along

these three dimensions recognizes that Lansing's future depends on its ability to serve the target audiences identified above. The LTC has assigned priority to the following list of projects, some of which have already been initiated with our next steps involve estimation of costs, identifying potential funding sources, determining appropriate project leadership and developing a plan for project implementations. Mrs. Rembert also told that the building that was considered first could not be used because of its location. She also stated that she talked to Larry Ballou and the ADAP building. Ballou went to his Board and the agreed to sale for \$94,500. With a possibility of more land behind the building. Grants would have to be obtained to buy the building. Rembert gave facts and figures that supported her statements. This would be a positive effort for Lansing. Mayor Ring asks if after the three year period, could we back out or do we have to maintain the project. She said that we could back out. It was a small possibility that we get the grant money to proceed. But if we did, we have several people and committed business for services and programs. The STEP committee passed this and they are asking the Board to approve sixth two thousand of the STEP fund to go toward this as a match for the projects. George Rembert commented that Paul Combs said that this would be approved by the Rural Center. Mauvine Shepherd spoke that she had reservations about this amount of money. Beth asks if one of the Board members are on the Board of Directors. Maurvine Shepherd suggested that George Rembert be one on the director. With his resume he is a good choice. George Rembert made a motion to commit the sixth two thousand dollars for the project. Bill Cline second. Three Alderman voted for, one against, one abstained. Motion passed.

A letter was found in the drop box one morning when she came in to work. Bernice read the letter aloud (what she could understand). "To Alderman and Mayor, The Town is being taken Again \$4,000. for snow removal??? How about 3 estimates. Who is getting the xxx money? Trainor is a thief." - Concerned Citizen. Will check with Sheriff and attorney General.

A letter was received from Kevin Health which was only a brake down of what the well is costing.

A letter was received for the reclassification of the North Fork New River watershed. The meeting is at 6:30, March 16, 2010 at family central for anyone that wants to attend.

Bernice said that she wanted to address the Board about the audit. Our year ends June 30 of each year. We get all our report to the CPA, Bryce Holders by the end of July. Charta Cozart who is our financial officer was out of balance on her reports. We discovered that she had not called our software company to close out the previous year. Mrs. Cozart had not called them to do the closing. This was done, and she resubmitted her reports. Holder's office said they did not receive (from e-mail) these. Two more times Cozart e-mailed them, but they did not receive them. She then mailed them, and they finally received them. It was so late in the year that they could not get them back to us until after April 15 due to there tax season. George Rembert asked if Cozart knew they were out of balance when she sent them. She did not, until Holder office looked at them and called Bernice to tell her. There is nothing that can be done at this time.

Bernice needs a chair. The ones that are here now are worn out. George Rembert made a motion to let Bernice get a chair. Mauvine Shepherd second. All agreed. Motion carried.

Jason Ring said that Jerry Beach had dug out all the water in order to read them. Jason would like the Board to consider that when the weather is bad like it has been that Beach could estimate the meter readers. This was considered.

Mayor Ring asks for a motion to adjourn. Bill Cline made the motion. All agreed.