

**Town of Angier
Board of Commissioners
Emergency Meeting
Tuesday, March 24, 2020, 7:57 P.M.
Angier Municipal Building
28 North Raleigh Street
Minutes**

The Town of Angier convened during a called Emergency Board of Commissioners Meeting Tuesday, March 24, 2020 in the Board Room inside the Municipal Building at 28 North Raleigh Street.

Members Present: Mayor Bob Smith
Mayor Pro-Tem Craig Honeycutt
Commissioner Alan Coats
Commissioner Loru Boyer Hawley
Commissioner Mike Hill

Members Excused:

Staff Present: Town Manager Gerry Vincent
Town Clerk Veronica Hardaway
Planning Director Sean Johnson
Town Attorney Dan Hartzog Jr.

Others Present:

1. **Call to Order:** Mayor Smith presided, calling the Board of Commissioners meeting to order at 7:57pm.

Mayor Smith called the Emergency Meeting to address the Board regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and gave an update as well as receiving. He reviewed the Governor's Declaration that became effective which imposes itself on Angier. The Governor set the mass gathering number to 100 where Angier has established the Town's number to be at 50. Violation of these orders is a Class II Misdemeanor.

Town Manager Gerry Vincent stated staff is working very hard disinfecting and keeping distance amongst each other. Public Works employees have been spread out and riding in individual trucks. The Library is closed to the public but offering curbside pickup as well as printing school work out for students. Town Hall is closed to public access but the ability to make utility payments are available by drop box, online and phone. Mr. Vincent explained to the Board that Fuquay-Varina has set up an account to help local businesses. The Town of Angier is working on setting up an Angel Fund as well to mirror Fuquay.

Chief Yarbrough commended citizens for policing each other. He urged citizens to keep children at home and not allow them to congregate at the park unsupervised. Playground equipment was closed as of today.

Mr. Vincent stated a conference call is scheduled with Wake County March 25th.

It was the consensus of the Board to continue to follow the Governor's guidelines and wait to hear feedback from the Wake County conference scheduled for the next day. Once information is gathered, a draft will then be sent to Commissioners.

**DECLARATION OF A STATE OF EMERGENCY
IN THE TOWN OF ANGIER**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a respiratory disease that can result in serious illness or death by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, which is a new strain of coronavirus previously unidentified in humans and which can spread from person to person; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a Public Health Emergency of International Concern on January 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") has warned of the high public health threat posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services Secretary declared a public health emergency in the United States for COVID-19 under Section 319 of the Public Health Service Act; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services ("NCDHHS") has confirmed multiple cases of COVID-19 in North Carolina as of March 10, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the State of North Carolina declared a State of Emergency, as defined in N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.3(19) and 166A-19.3(19) based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, it has been reported that the President of the United States will be issuing a national State of Emergency on March 13, 2020;

WHEREAS, the Town of Angier has the authority to declare a State of Emergency pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. §§ 166A-19.2 and 166A-19.31;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Mayor of the Town of Angier under Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Section 7-201 of the Town of Angier Code of Ordinances:

- Section 1.** A State of Emergency is hereby declared within the jurisdiction of the Town of Angier based on the public health emergency posed by COVID-19.
- Section 2.** The emergency area covered by this State of Emergency shall be within the entire Town of Angier.
- Section 3.** The Town strongly encourages its citizens to comply with the following recommendations:

- A. Avoid large gatherings in public places, particularly gatherings of over 50 people. This is particularly important for elderly people. The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). Avoiding large gatherings will help prevent the disease from spreading.
- B. Wash hands frequently with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time, and **avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.
- C. Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
- D. Regularly check for updates on the NC Department of Health and Human Services website (<https://www.ncdhhs.gov/>) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<https://www.cdc.gov/>) for the latest updates and information.

Section 4. At this time, the Town intends to continue with its regularly scheduled public meetings, which are open to the public. The Town broadcasts its meetings over Facebook Live, and citizens are encouraged to attend remotely if possible

Section 5. Citizens are encouraged to pay any utility bills online or over the phone. To the extent in person payment is necessary, citizens are encouraged to use the drop box set up for payments. Any overpayments will be credited to the next month's bill.

Section 6. All non-essential public facilities may be closed, in part or in whole, to the public at this time, including the Library, Angier Depot Community Center, and the Angier Museum.

Section 7. The Town reserves the right to take additional enforcement steps pursuant to its authority under G.S. 166A-19.31(b) as necessary. To the extent any additional emergency measures are deemed necessary, they will be announced on the Town's website and Facebook page and will publicly posted at regular public notice locations. In addition, alerts will be sent out to citizens using the Town CodeRED notification system.

DECLARED this the 13th day of March, 2020

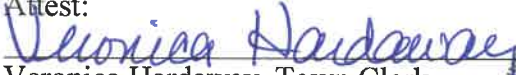
Adjournment: Being no further business, the Town Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:48pm.

Motion: Commissioner Hawley

Vote: 4-0, Unanimous


Robert K. Smith, Mayor

Attest:


Veronica Hardaway, Town Clerk

