

**MINUTES  
BOARD MEETING  
TOWN OF ANDREWS  
OCTOBER 14, 2003  
COMMUNITY SERVICES BUILDING  
7:00 PM**

Mayor Rhinehardt called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Members present were: Alderman Jordan, Alderman Reid, Alderman Phillips and Alderman Hogsed.

Also present were Town Attorney M. Ellen Davis and Town Clerk Bill Green.

**ITEM 2**

UPON Motion by Alderman Reid and second by Alderman Jordan, the Agenda was Amended to read as follows:

F. Open Forum

G. Executive Session

Motion Carried.

**ITEM 3**

Upon Motion by Alderman Reid and Second by Alderman Phillips, the Minutes of the August 12, 2003 meeting were approved as presented.

**ITEM 4 – REPORTS**

The Board received a report that the grant application to the NC Rural Center to perform a study to identify new sources of water for Andrews had been

approved. McGill Associates prepared the grant package for the Town of Andrews for this funding.

## **ITEM 5 – UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

At the September 9, 2003 meeting, no action was taken on the purchase of an excavator for the Town due to no price being received from Mason Tractor Company for a machine. The following bids were received and financing rates quoted to the Town for the purchase:

Bobcat of Franklin  
Franklin, NC  
Bobcat 322 Excavator - Government Price \$20,000  
Includes 9" and 18" buckets and  
7000 lb Hooper trailer  
4.4% Financing

Nelson Tractor and Equipment  
Blairsville, GA  
Kubota KX42-2SV - Government Price \$21,782  
9" and 18" buckets available  
Additional Cost for second bucket  
4.8% Financing

Mason Tractor and Equipment  
Blue Ridge, GA  
Takeuchi TB016 - Government Price \$22,850  
9" and 18" buckets available at additional cost  
for second bucket

Polaris ASL-300 - Government Price \$19,950  
Includes 16" bucket for backhoe attachment  
4.9% financing

Bid awarded to Bobcat of Franklin for machine, buckets and trailer at price of \$20,000 for package and 4.4% financing.

## **ITEM 6 – NEW BUSINESS**

- A. The first item of new business was consideration of a request from Chautauga AVE to close Main Street on Saturday October 18, 2003. This is to allow the Street Fair vendors to set up booths and merchandise tables. This request is to close Main Street from the intersection of Main and Chestnut Street to the intersection of Main and Cherry Street. This closure is to be from 7:30 AM and 7:00 PM. Motion to allow the closure by Alderman Jordan. Second by Alderman Phillips.  
Motion carried.
- B. Next was a request to ask the committee developing the walkway at the top of the School steps to allow the Town to plant a tree in the area in honor of John Day, an employee of the Town who lost his life in an accident on the way to work one morning. Motion by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Jordan.  
Motion carried.
- C. Next was a discussion about a review of the Andrews Leash law and the necessity of revisions to make the ordinance more enforceable. The Board of Aldermen asked M. Ellen Davis, Town Attorney to review the ordinance and advise them at the next meeting of any changes she feels are necessary to make the ordinance better for the citizens.
- D. Next was consideration of providing contributions to the following events and projects. The Celebration of Flight, an event sponsored by Cherokee County and the Andrews Chamber of Commerce was granted a \$500.00 contribution to help offset the expense of printing and distributing flyers about the event.

A contribution of \$250.00 was also requested to assist the Andrews Elementary School in their landscaping project. Motion to approve these two contributions by Alderman Reid. Second by Alderman Jordan. Motion carried.

- E. Next was a review of proposals from engineering firms to provide design plans for an extension of a six inch water line to provide water service up Taylor's Creek Road located off Fairview Road. Proposals were received from McGill Associates and T. D. Haney Consulting Engineers. Price for the design from McGill was \$2,650.00 and the price from T.D. Haney was \$2,385.00. Discussion among the Board centered around the fact that McGill was a known company and had done a lot of design work for the Town and the County and was familiar with the Town's systems and capabilities. While the other firm may be as good, they were not known to the Board. With this in mind a Motion was made by Alderman Reid to engage McGill Associates to perform the necessary work at a price of \$2,650.00. Second by Alderman Phillips. Motion carried.
- F. Next was an Open Forum period. Citizens gathered to discuss the Recreation Department and the Director and the possibility of merging the operations with the Cherokee County Recreation Department. Commissioner Dana Jones of Cherokee County attended the meeting to help explain how a merged Recreation Department would operate. Board members and assembled citizens asked questions about certain aspects and options. Board members thanked the citizens and Commissioner Jones for their interest and remarks and would take all this information into consideration for future action. Several citizens spoke to Board expressing their satisfaction with the job being performed by Jeremiah Wike at the Recreation Department. Board members accepted this input and thanked the citizens for their interest and comments.

- G. At this time upon Motion by Alderman Reid and Second by Alderman Hogsed, the Board entered into Closed Session for advice from Attorney M. Ellen Davis and to consider personnel issues and decisions at 8:12 PM.

Upon Motion by Alderman Reid and Second by Alderman Hogsed, the Board entered back into Regular Session at 8:40 PM.

Results of this Closed Session are:

Offer a part-time position at the Recreation Department  
To Judy Nichols for direction of all activities.

Re-assign Jeremiah Wike on a part-time basis to the Town  
Maintenance crew and part-time at the Recreation Park.

Motion for the above actions by Alderman Reid.

Second by Alderman Phillips.

Voting in the affirmative: Alderman Reid, Alderman Hogsed and  
Alderman Phillips. Voting against the measure was Alderman  
Jordan.

Motion Carried 3 for and 1 against.

With no further business to come before the Board and upon Motion by  
Alderman Reid the meeting was adjourned at 8:44 PM.

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Mitch Rhinehardt, Mayor

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Bill Green, Clerk