

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Denton held a Special Called Meeting on Monday, March 24th, 2025 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

The following members were in attendance: Mayor Ward, Mayor ProTem Deanna Grubb
Commissioners: Anne Carter Bean, Hayden Hicks, Barbara Hogan, Scott Morris
Town Manager, Angel Jenkins, Town Clerk, Paula Hedrick

Absent: Town Attorney Misti Whitman

1. Call to Order

Mayor Ward called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. Adoption of Agenda

Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve agenda.

Mayor ProTem Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

3. Consideration of a Request from Mt. Vista Health Park Regarding Out-of-Town Water and Sewer Tap Fees for the New Senior Living Apartments – Ira Matney - Board of Director Vice President.

Mr. Matney was present to ask for consideration to reduce the tap fees to In Town rates verses Out of Town rates. Mr. Matney stated that there will be 36-38 total independent living units. The rental cost of these units will be \$1,800 to \$2,300 per month which includes utilities. Mr. Matney stated that Mt. Vista Health Park is one of the largest employers of Denton, approximately 180 employees. Mr. Matney asked if we could do a contract to approve the future units at the same price.

-Mayor Ward asked if they were non-profit.

-Mr. Matney stated that they were.

-Mayor Ward asked if the Board had considered Annexation.

-Commissioner Morris stated that the Town Board does not want to annex this property due to a lower tax rate. However, Mt. Vista Health Park would want to be annexed.

-Commissioner Morris asked to be recused from the vote as he is on the Board of Directors at Mt. Vista Health Park.

-Commissioner Bean made a motion approve recuse Commissioner Morris from the vote.

-Mayor ProTem Grubb seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4/0)

-Commissioner Morris made a correction to the units that are currently constructed, there are 12 rather than 16 per information provided by Ms. Jenkins.

-Ms. Jenkins stated that she had reviewed the information with the Town Attorney, Misti Whitman and the School of Government. The tap fees are required to have access to the Town services. The Town can do a contract for services with Mt. Vista. Any reduction in the fees would require a public hearing.

-Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve In Town tap fees of \$1,000 for water and \$1000 for sewer for the new independent living units at Mt. Vista Health Park.

-Commissioner Hogan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (4/0)

4. Approve Letter of Response to the North Carolina Treasurer for Operating Net Income/Loss for FY 23/24 Budget– Angel Jenkins.

Ms. Jenkins stated that the letter of response to the North Carolina Treasurer was mentioned by Auditor Eddie Carrick at the Audit review. Mr. Carrick stated the North Carolina Local Government Commissioner request that we provide a letter with explanation for the Operating Net Income (Loss).

Commissioner Bean questioned the difference in the column totals on the letter as they figures do not match.

Ms. Jenkins stated that the letter came direct to us from Mr. Carrick and we will table this item for more clarification.

5. Consideration and Approval of Quote for Air-Pak X3 Pro SCBA, FEMA Grant: EMV-2023-FG-07457 – Assistance to Firefighters Grant. – Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated we did receive a grant from FEMA in the amount of \$232,216.19 for Air-Pak X3 Pro SCBA. The town will be responsible for \$11,610.81. Ms. Jenkins stated that the Fire Department has received two quotes: MES and Newton's Fire & Safety Equipment.

Ms. Jenkins asked Deputy Fire Chief Travis Morris to provide information on the two quotes and the difference in the air-paks quoted.

-Mr. Travis Morris stated that Both quotes provide a good product. The Fire Department is requesting to purchase the Scott Air-paks from MES. likes the Scott product which is supplied by MES. Each Air Pak comes with one air bottle

and mask, plus one extra air bottle and mask. Each air bottle last approximately 30 minutes, under normal circumstances.

-Commissioner Morris stated that we will get the tax back.

-Ms. Jenkins stated that we do pay the sales tax up front but are reimbursed annually.

Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to approve the MES Air Pak in the amount of \$269,491.33.

Commissioner Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

6. Consideration and Approval of Police Department Radio Upgrades – Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated as of July 1st, 2025 the NC Viper Statewide Radio System will no longer allow for connection to the system on several models of radios. The Police Department will need to replace one (1) mobile handheld radio and five (5) mobile vehicle units that will not be eligible for an update. Motorola will no longer offer support for the devices we currently have. Chief Mike James provided three (3) quotes from:

Motorola \$ 28,583.63

Radio Communications Company (RCC) \$16,320.28

New APX7500 model radios \$9,199.94.

Ms. Jenkins stated Chief James was not feeling well today, but his recommendation was to purchase the New APX7500 Model Radios for \$9,199.94. \$9,199.94.

-Commissioner Morris questioned if these were new radios.

-Ms. Jenkins stated the radios were new according to the information that was provided.

-Commissioner Morris stated that he believed the APX7500 models were discontinued.

-Ms. Jenkins stated that she would get clarification from Chief James and bring it back before the Board of Commissioners at the next meeting.

7. Approve Programing Cost for Fire Department Radio Updates – Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated that the Fire Department Radios would only need updates.

The units are Kenwood models and would require a license update. Quote provided by the Fire Department was from RCC in the amount of \$10,350.00.

Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve the RCC Quote of \$10,350.00 for the Fire Department Radio upgrades.

Commissioner Hicks seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)

8. Approve Southern Software AMI Meter Integration and Meter Reading Recording- Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated that Southern Software, our utility billing software, provides integration services for the new G2 platform that will be hosting the AMI meters. The attached quote from Southern Software is to provide a meter change out within the utility software for each customer and the handheld interface for the utility billing.

Ms. Jenkins stated that she did factor in additional funding when applying for the grant that will cover the additional cost.

Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to approve the Southern Software integration quote in the amount of \$7,208.00

Commissioner Bean seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)


9. Board of Commissioners Adjournment

Mayor Ward asked for a motion and second to adjourn. 6:34pm

Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to adjourn.

Commissioner Hogan seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously (5/0)


Paula Hedrick, Town Clerk


Larry Ward, Mayor