

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Denton held a Regular Scheduled Meeting on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6:00pm at Town Hall.

The following Board members were in attendance:

Mayor Scott Morris, Mayor Pro Tem Deanna Grubb

Commissioners: Anne Carter Bean, Larry Ward, Hayden Hicks, Barbara Hogan

Town Attorney, Misti Whitman; Town Manager, Angel Jenkins; Town Clerk, Paula Hedrick

1. Call to Order

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mayor Morris led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Adoption of Agenda

Mayor ProTem Grubb made a motion to approve the agenda.

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

4. Approval of January 5, 2026 tabled Minutes, February 9, 2026, Minutes

Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve the January 5, 2026 tabled minutes

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

Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve the February 9, 2026 minutes.

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

5. Public Comment: *Citizens may speak on items not listed on the printed agenda. Please state your name and address and observe the three-minute time limit.*

No one present to speak

6. Tabled Items from February 2, 2026, Board Meeting:

- Review of Quotes for Town Uniform Service

Ms. Hedrick stated that the figures for Cintas are accurate but the figures from UniFirst are not complete at this time.

-Commissioner Bean asked if there were any samples available to touch.

Ms. Hedrick stated that there were samples available from UniFirst at the last meeting, no one looked at them.

-Mr. High stated that the consensus of the workers is to check about the TrueWerk pants. Everyone seems to like them and they are very durable.

-Mr. Branch was wearing a pair and indicated that they come in 3 different levels, lightweight, medium and heavier weight. Mr. Branch stated they laundry very well.

-Mayor Morris stated to table this item until we have a price on the TrueWerk pants and the final quote from UniFirst.

- **Consideration of Town Banners and Banner Sponsorship**

Ms. Hedrick stated she prepared a spreadsheet of the Display Sales Sponsorship Banners and the Mosca Banners. The representative from Mosca indicated the banners would be astronomical and they could only provide the sponsorship name as an additional separate add on to the bottom of the initial banner.

Display Sales provided the best offering for the sponsorship banners and hardware.

Ms. Hedrick stated she spoke with Mr. High and he recommended the Windscale 12 Pole Banner Bracket system. The overall cost of the banner and bracket system was provided to the Board for consideration.

Ms. Hedrick provided a Sponsorship application for review and consideration as to the price the Board would want to charge the public.

-Mayor Morris stated the manufacture warranty of the banners are for 3 years, he would recommend the sponsorship term & renewal be in accordance to the warranty of the banner.

-Commissioner Bean asked if she were to order a banner, would it be placed near her business on Hwy 109 or would it be placed downtown?

-Mayor Morris stated that the banner she purchases will be placed near her business, as long as we can get them anchored.

-Ms. Jenkins stated she is waiting on an assessment from Duke Energy as to the available poles and any potential change outs within this year. Ms. Jenkins stated it would be on the main corridors or private businesses. Ms. Jenkins made a recommendation to consider \$300 per banner, this would include the cost of the banner, bracket system, labor for installing and anything over would go into a fund in case something was to happen that the banner would need to be replaced.

-Commissioner Bean confirmed you are looking at paying \$100 a year for advertising.

-Ms. Jenkins stated that is correct.

-Commissioner Bean made a motion to approve the purchase of Town of Denton Sponsorship banners from Display Sales. The cost of the sponsorship banner would be \$300.00 for a 3-year term.

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

- **Consideration of Projects for EDC Grant**

Ms. Jenkins stated at the February 2, 2026 meeting the Board of Commissioners discussed potential projects that could be submitted for approval under the EDC Grant

Award to the Town of Denton by the State in the amount of \$50,000.00. The attached list of projects (documentation attached for reference) was brought before the Board of Commissioners for consideration.

Ms. Jenkins stated if there are no additional projects presented for consideration, staff recommendation is approving the project list as presented for submission to the State.

Ms. Jenkins stated that scoping letters per project along with pictures will need to be submitted to the State for final approval.

-Mayor Morris mentioned the mural painting.

-Ms. Hedrick asked what wall he was thinking of using.

-Mayor Morris stated the wall facing the Community Market.

-Ms. Hedrick stated that the Town would need to reach out to Mike Morris and his sister as they wanted to approve the painting that is placed on the wall of their building at 15 W Salisbury Street.

-Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve the recommended project list using the EDC Grant funds awarded to the Town of Denton by the State of North Carolina.

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

7. Approve 2027 Deer Urban Archery Season January 9 – February 14, 2027

Ms. Jenkins stated this is our eighth year participating in the Urban Archery Program. The harvest records are not in for 2026, last year there were two recorded. Ms. Jenkins stated there have not been any issues during the previous urban archery seasons. It is by permit only by the land owner and there are still rules that the hunter has to go by. The hunters have to be elevated 10 feet, they cannot be within 70 feet of a school or church daycare and they have to have written permission from the land owner.

Ms. Jenkins stated this comes as staff recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

-Commissioner Ward made a motion to approve the 2027 Deer Urban Archery Season from January 9 - February 14, 2027.

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

7a. Review Project Contract from Val-Technology – Jeff Erickson

Mr. Erickson provided the Board of Commissioners a Project Agreement to provide an IT and Network Infrastructure Security Assessment. Mr. Erickson stated this would be a complete audit of the Town's IT on everything, making sure the Town of Denton is CJIS compliant. CJIS compliance refers to adhering to the FBI's Criminal Justice Information Services Security Policy. His team will advise on the best IT practices.

Mr. Erickson stated his team has a lot of history between all of them working with municipalities, counties, cities and school districts. Mr. Erickson referred the Board to his municipality IT audit checklist. Mr. Erickson stated he provided a list of companies that they are partnered with and utilize as third party vendors. He stated that they focus on a high level/high trust security such as not leaving your computer up when you walk out of the room.

Mr. Erickson stated prior to the City of Thomasville being compromised, Val-Technology Solutions did a proposal for an audit that Thomasville declined due to price. The bigger the city the higher the price.

Mr. Erickson stated the Town can look at this as a report card telling you how you're doing. He asked if the Board of Commissioners had any questions.

-Commissioner Bean asked about the timeline.

Mr. Alex Saunders Chief Technology Officer and Co-Founder of Val-Technology stated it would take around one and half weeks to review all computers on the network, server, cell phones, hot spots, cameras, printers, TV's anything that touches your internet thru WiFi. The first thing they would do is sign a (NDA) Non-Disclosure Agreement stating they would not share any of the Town information. It stays proprietary and inhouse. From there they would make their recommendations based from their findings.

8. Resolution 25/26-08 Consideration of Petition and Call for Public Hearing

Mark & Stephanie Clark to Close Undeveloped West Carroll Avenue

Davidson County Parcel 0705400300001, 0705400220001 & 0705400220004

Ms. Jenkins stated that she received a request from Mark and Stephanie Clark to close Undeveloped West Carroll Avenue. Ms. Jenkins stated there are no issues or concerns with having this area closed. In January 2026 they requested to have the alleyway dividing their property closed. We need to call for a Public Hearing to be held at the April meeting. This property will be advertised for 4 consecutive weeks, then have the Ordinance heard, if there are any questions or concerns, they could be brought before the Board of Commissioners at the April meeting.

-Commissioner Hogan made a motion to call for Public Hearing for request made by Mark & Stephanie Clark to close Undeveloped West Carroll Avenue.

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

9. Review Applications and Appoint Parks & Recreation Board Members- Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins stated that we have received an application for Parks and Recreation Board (P & R) Volunteer Nicole Hickey as an out-of-town Volunteer.

-Commissioner Hogan made a motion to approve Nicole Hickey as a volunteer for the Parks and Recreation Board.

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

-Mayor Morris address Susan Craven and Sam Grimes whom joined the meeting this evening.

-Ms. Craven stated the P & R Board have been working to create a wonderful Sounds of Summer Lineup. They are looking to have Too Much Sylvia - June 27th, Pink Slips - July 20th and The Holiday Band - August 22nd 2026.

-Mr. Grimes stated the P & R will be moving forward with a 5K run

10. Review Town Projects -Angel Jenkins

Ms. Jenkins provided the Board an updated list of Town Projects (Documentation attached for reference).

Ms. Jenkins stated that she has attended a Grant Writing Conference.

11. Approve Letter to Town Auditor – Eddie Carrick for FY 24/25

Ms. Jenkins stated the letter to Town Auditor Eddie Carrick is provided in connection with your audit of the financial statements of the Town of Denton, which comprise the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, for the purpose of expressing opinions as to whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP).

This acknowledges that the Town of Denton confirms, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of December 23, 2025, the following representations made to the Town of Denton during our audit.

Ms. Jenkins stated Mr. Carrick request a signed and dated copy

-Commissioner Hicks made a motion to approve letter to Town Auditor Eddie Carrick.

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

12. Town Department Head Reports (Documentation attached for reference)

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| ● Police Department | ● Water Treatment Plant | ● Public Works |
| Chief Mike James | Jason Faunce | Michael High |
| ● Fire Department | ● Wastewater Treatment Plant | ● Administration |

Town Attorney Updates

Ms. Whitman stated the one thing she has at this time is she is still working on the 160A to 160D inconsistencies. All other will be discuss in Closed Session.

13. Town Manager's Report

Ms. Jenkins stated that she does not have any additional information to share.

14. Commissioners Comments / Concerns / Update

Mayor ProTem Grubb stated she has reached out to Paul Briggs with Briggs Architecture and is hopeful he will be at the April meeting.

15. Closed Session - In Accordance with the N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (1) & (3) Attorney/Client Privilege

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:03pm

Mayor Morris opened the Closed Session

The Board came out of Closed Session at 8:16pm

Mayor Morris closed the Closed Session.

Action taken:

-Commissioner Hicks made a motion to back bill Handy Sanitary District for August, September and October 2025 for the overage above 1.25m gallons at current in town rates.

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

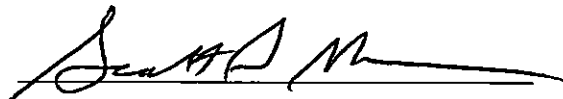
16. Announcements –

- 3/9/2026 – Planning and Zoning Board Meeting 6:00pm
- 3/10/26 – Parks and Recreation Board Meeting 6:00pm
- 3/21/2026 - Easter Eggstravaganza- Harrison Park -12:00-2:00pm

17. Board of Commissioners Adjournment

Commissioner Hogan made a motion to adjourn.

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



Scott S. Morris, Mayor



Paula Hedrick, Town Clerk