



# Agenda Minutes

## Special Meeting

Community Center 5822 Ave F.

April 16, 2024

7:00 P.M

*\*\*Notice to Meeting Attendee\*\**

*As a courtesy to others, please ensure cell phones are turned off during the meeting.  
Welcome to the Town of McIntosh Town Council meeting.*

### CALL TO ORDER

### INVOCATION AND PLEDGE

### ROLL CALL

President/Mayor Roddy P

Vice President Ciotti P

Appointees

Ava Jo Callahan P

William Deaderick P

Donald Medeiros P

Richard Talbert P

### I. INTRODUCE THE GOVERNOR'S NEW COUNCIL APPOINTEES

Mayor Roddy Introduced the appointees.

### II. SWEARING IN OF NEW APPOINTEES

**Mayor Roddy**- Introduced Eva Jo Callahan who notified the town that she was unable to accept the Governor's Appointment due to family restrictions.

**Mayor Roddy**- Introduced and swore into office Willaim "Lee" Deaderick, Donald Medeiros, and Richard Talbert.

### III. NEW APPOINTEES TO CALL SPECIAL ELECTION

**VP Ciotti** motion to move forward with the special election **Cllr Talbert 2<sup>nd</sup>** for discussion

**Cllr Medeiros** asked how long it would take to get the special election started.

**VP Ciotti** provided the details on the process for the special election and provided that members would still need to run in the November election.

**Cllr Deaderick** spoke against the motion. Cllr Deaderick provided what the code says about how to handle circumstances such as these. Does not think that the time frame and cost to hold a special election is appropriate.

**Cllr Talbert** Appreciates what Cllr Deaderick had to say, but feels we owe the community stability and continuity of government. There are other outstanding issues many in the room are well aware of, and part of the appointments by the governor was to get this election going to get people into office so the town can operate efficiently and safely.

**Mayor/President Roddy** read the referendum amending the charter for filling vacancies. The people of McIntosh have spoken, and the vote was in favor to have a special election regardless of the number of months until the next election.

**TM Gonzalez-** What was voted on contradicts A and B of what is still on MuniCode. There must have been an administrative oversight, and it was not updated on MuniCode. Additionally, the official letters that were sent from the Governor's office state that the appointment is effective April 12, 2024, through the end of the special election.

**Cllr Deaderick-** Asked what Cllr Talbert was referring to when speaking about extenuating circumstances.

**Cllr Talbert-** Stated he was referring to continuity of operation and our local government to have that stability. There is litigation, and I will refer to our president.

**Mayor Roddy-** We are in the middle of litigation, and we need continuity to handle these matters.

**Cllr Deaderick-** It doesn't seem like there is any option based on what was presented.

**Attn Smith-** From a legal opinion, you need to follow what is law, not what MuniCode has published. This is in the hands of the Supervisor of Elections office. They have notice requirements and qualifications they must meet. They will determine when the election can be held.

**TM Gonzalez-** If the Supervisor of Elections office tells us that they are unable to a special election in this short period of time, we can revisit that. At that point, the town did what they were supposed to do and tried to have a special election.

**Cllr Deaderick** offered an alternate motion to hold the special election following the guidance as best we have in the code of McIntosh and under whatever circumstance the Supervisor of Elections can provide the election. 2<sup>nd</sup> **Cllr Talbert**

**VP Ciotti** withdrew his motion.

**Citizen comment made by Patty Dodd-** Understands where everyone is coming from, we have a problem with verbiage and direction, but it seems odd to hold an election so close to another election.

**Cllr Deaderick-** It comes down to what Mr. Wilcox can do.

**Attn Smith-** Agreed

*Motion passes 4-0.*

#### IV. CITIZEN COMMENTS

*Adjourned at 7:31*