

**Board of Commissioners**  
**Special Meeting**  
**December 22, 2009**

The Farmville Board of Commissioners met in special session on Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building Courtroom with Mayor Robert L. Evans presiding. Present for the meeting were Commissioners John Baker, Jamin Dixon, John Moore and David Shackelford; Town Manager Richard N. Hicks and Finance Director/Town Clerk Amy Johnson.

Mayor Evans called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**1. Public Hearing on Justice Assistance Grant Funding**

Police Chief Donnie Greene stated in order to apply for Justice Assistance Grant funding, he must hold a public hearing as part of the application requirement process.

Mayor Evans declared the public hearing on Justice Assistance Grant Funding open at 7:31 p.m.

There being no further comments, Mayor Evans closed the public hearing at 7:32 p.m.

**2. Candidate Interviews**

Mayor Evans announced the Board would now begin the interview process.

Mayor Evans called Mike McLawhorn for the candidate interview at 7:35 p.m.

Mayor Evans called Bert Smith for the candidate interview at 8:11 p.m.

Mayor Evans called Laura Willoughby for the candidate interview at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Evans called Jake Barrow for the candidate interview at 8:53 p.m.

Mayor Evans concluded the candidate interviews at 9:22 p.m.

**3. Review and Approve Rules of Procedure**

Town Manager Hicks stated there were two processes by which the Board may choose to select the candidate. Hicks stated the first process would be a “selection by nomination” where the nomination does not allow the Mayor to vote and it requires a three to one vote. Hicks further stated that the second process would be a “selection by motion” where a Commissioner will make a motion and the Mayor must break the tie if there is one. Hicks recommended using the “selection by nomination” process in the beginning and if the Board so desired, they could choose to change the process.

*Commissioner Baker made a motion to use the “selection by nomination” process. The motion carried unanimously.*

**4. Selection of Candidate**

Mayor Evans asked for a nomination.

Commissioner Moore nominated Mike McLawhorn for the seat.

Commissioner Baker nominated Jake Barrow for the seat.

Mayor Evans asked if there were any more nominations and if not, then he asked for a motion to conclude the process.

*Commissioner Shackelford made a motion to conclude the nomination process. The motion carried unanimously.*

Town Clerk Johnson read out the ballots as follows:

- Commissioner Moore voted for Mike McLawhorn
- Commissioner Baker voted for Jake Barrow
- Commissioner Dixon voted for Jake Barrow
- Commissioner Shackelford voted for Jake Barrow

Mayor Evans announced Jake Barrow as the winning candidate for the vacant Commissioner's seat.

*On motion by Commissioner Baker, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.*

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Robert L. Evans, Mayor

Attest:

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Amy B. Johnson, Town Clerk