

## **Strategic Planning Meeting – September 13, 2022**

The Fairmont Board of Commissioners held a special Strategic Plan meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fairmont-South Robeson Heritage Center with Mayor Charles Kemp presiding. Commissioners present were J.J. McCree and Clarence McNeill, Jr. Staff present were Town Clerk Jenny Larson, Police Chief Jon Edwards, and Public Works Director Ronnie Seals. David Richardson was also in attendance.

### **Call to Order and Invocation**

Mayor Charles Kemp called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

### **Strategic Plan Discussion**

David Richardson, Executive Director of the Lumber River Council of Governments stated the topic of this strategic plan meeting is information technology.

Some of the suggestions/concerns discussed:

- Town Clerk Jenny Larson explained that VC3 handles Fairmont's information technology. The town uses Spectrum for internet and telephone services.
- The town is in the process of installing a SCADA alarm system for our wells to replace the outdated and expensive analog system.
- The Heritage Center needs internet/Wi-Fi access.
- Public Works needs new radios. The Police Department just replaced their radios, and the Fire Department has ordered new ones as well.
- Future capital infrastructure planning should include radio read water meters. They are expensive to install but are more accurate than the current manual meters.
- Possibility of phone/email/text system for emergencies.
- Use Facebook and email for communication of events.
- Purchasing a Digital Sign to advertise meetings, events.

The board agreed to meet again on Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the draft strategic plan.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further discussion, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

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Jennifer H. Larson, NCCMC  
Town Clerk