



**LUCAMA BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026
LUCAMA TOWN HALL
BOARD ROOM**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Mayor, Matthew Creech, (hereinafter "Mayor Creech") called to order the regular meeting of the Town of Lucama Board of Commissioners (hereinafter "Board") at 6 pm on July 6, 2026.

2. Roll Call

Mayor Creech conducted roll call – by use of sign-in. The following were present:

Commissioner, Dennis Ford (hereinafter "Comm. Ford")
Commissioner, Jeff Johnson (hereinafter "Comm. Johnson")
Commissioner, Kim Joyner (hereinafter "Comm. Joyner")
Commissioner, James Parker (hereinafter "Comm. Parker")
Commissioner, Jody Teague (hereinafter "Comm. Teague")
Town Administrator, Elizabeth Krige (hereinafter "Admin. Krige")
Town Clerk, Dena Owens (hereinafter "Clerk Owens")
Attorney, Gabriel DuSablón (hereinafter "Attorney DuSablón")

3. Moment of Silence

Those in attendance observed a moment of silence.

4. Approval of Agenda, Minutes, and Financial Report

Mayor Creech asked for a motion to approve the agenda, previous meeting minutes and financial report.

MOTION: Comm. Ford made a motion to approve the agenda; seconded by Comm. Teague. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

5. Public Hearing

Mayor Creech opened the public hearing calling it to order.

Admin. Krige reported that the Board has been reviewing the ordinances regarding the form of government, departments and departmental duties, utility policies, general nuisances, health and safety, and animals. Some changes were made to reflect “Wilson County Sheriff’s Department” versus Police Department, road names to be made current and information regarding 16.7.2 Places of Amusement. These ordinances were reviewed extensively, updating them to reflect new language in NCGS 160 D.

The Board passed the land use and development regulations on May 4, 2026.

There were no comments from the public.

Mayor Creech asked for a motion to close the public hearing.

MOTION: Comm. Teague made a motion to close the public hearing; seconded by Comm. Joyner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

MOTION: Comm. Teague made a motion to approve the General Ordinances of the Town of Lucama as presented; seconded by Comm. Joyner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. Old Business

Consideration of Capital Improvement Plan for Water and Sewer System

Admin. Krige reported that the grant for the Asset Inventory Assessment of the Water and Sewer System is nearly complete. The funding agency recommends the Board consider adopting the Capital Improvement Plan identified as part of the project. The plan can be modified by the Board at any time and does not require the Town to undertake the projects. She stated that future grant applications will benefit from a scoring perspective if the Board adopts the Capital Improvement Plan.

MOTION: Comm. Parker made a motion to approve the Capital Improvement Plan from the Asset Inventory Assessment report; seconded by Comm. Ford. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

7. New Business

Annexation Petition for Ironwood Subdivision

Clerk Owens stated that the Town approved the Ironwood Subdivision on January 6, 2026. The plan contains 155 homes and requires connection to the Town’s water and sewer system. The developer submitted an annexation petition for the

Board's consideration. A resolution directing the Clerk to certify the sufficiency of the annexation petition is required.

MOTION: Comm. Johnson made a motion to approve the resolution directing the Clerk to certify the sufficiency of the petition; seconded by Comm. Joyner. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Yard Waste Lease

Admin. Krige stated that the Town is leasing land for the disposal of yard waste. She presented a lease that is a renewal of the current lease. The term is five years.

MOTION: Comm. Teague made a motion to approve the lease between the Town and Chris Bass; seconded by Comm. Johnson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Budget Change

Clerk Owens shared with the Board a budget change that was needed in the General and Electric Funds. The numbers are reflected on any budget to actual report dated 6/29/26 and to follow.

Clerk Owens also shared a need for Budget Amendment #9, due to adding election cost and the need to increase Landfill Fee line item in the General Fund. The Salary line item in the Electric Fund needed to be increased as well.

MOTION: Comm. Joyner made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #9; seconded by Comm. Johnson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Safety Award Presentation

Admin. Krige shared a safety award plaque that the Town was presented for the Electric Department from Electricities.

8. Town Administrator's Report

Paving Assessment

Mack Gay Associates used GIS data gathered during the asset inventory for water and sewer to create a map showing all town assets, whether they are electric, water, sewer, or streets. The map will be updated as lines are installed. They will begin inspecting streets this month.

Waterline Replacement Project

Ralph Hodge will begin replacing waterlines on July 20th. Work will begin on Little Rock Church Road to Rouse Street. Citizens will be informed with postcards and announcements on Facebook.

Ironwood Subdivision

The construction documents for the subdivision have been reviewed by Mike Tolson, the Town's engineer. Representatives from Stocks Engineering and the Town conducted a fire flow test, and the next steps are to submit water and sewer permits to the state for approval. R-Grid Engineering is working on the design for underground electricity. A tentative timetable is for the developers to begin grading mid-August.

Tri-Town Substation Upgrades

Black Creek, Lucama, and Stantonsburg agreed to the updates at the substation. The Tri-Towns selected R-Grid as the system engineer. The Tri-Town committee meets monthly to review project notes and work on an operating agreement.

Board Discussion

- **Sponsorship of Springfield Under the Stars**

Chandler Kirby requested a sponsorship of \$5,000 from the Town. Under the Stars is a nonprofit working to restore the historic Springfield School into a community hub for arts, education, and civil rights legacy preservation. She is looking for sponsorship to help with a free outdoor movie series on the Springfield School grounds, open to the whole community. It equals 10 screenings, 5 weekends from July to November, with the first being July 24th.

MOTION: Comm. Ford made a motion to deny sponsorship; seconded by Comm. Parker. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

- **Voluntary Water Conservation**

The Town's drinking water comes from underground aquifers. The Water Department routinely monitors well levels. At this time, the wells are not showing a decrease in water. However, Wilson County is under an extreme drought. The City of Wilson enacted voluntary water restrictions last week and those include asking customers to take shorter showers, turning their faucet off while brushing teeth or shaving, and running dishwashers and washing machines only when they are fully loaded. Additional measures

include asking customers to delay new landscaping, watering lawns, and limiting car washing.

Admin. Krige asked the Board's pleasure in enacting Stage 2 Water Conservation.

The Board chose to hold off enacting Stage 2 Water Conservation, but requested that information regarding conservation be placed in the Town's newsletter, as well as on the Town's Facebook page.

9. Adjournment

Mayor Creech adjourned the meeting at approximately 6:27 pm, July 6, 2026, upon motion of Board.

MOTION: Motion was made to adjourn by Comm. Ford; seconded by Comm. Johnson. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted: Dena Owens, Town Clerk