



**Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen
Special Called Meeting
June 16, 2026, 5:30 p.m.**

The invocation was led by Mayor Akin. All present joined in the pledge to the flag.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Akin at 5:32 p.m.

The Town of Atoka Board of Mayor and Aldermen met with the following:

Present: Mayor Barry Akin, Aldermen Chris Detje, Brett Giannini, John Harber, Jeremy Lightsey, Jessie Poole and Chris Schaeffer.

Also present: Town Administrator Marc Woerner, Town Recorder Rachel Covarrubias, Town Attorney Amber Shaw, Police Chief Anthony Rudolph, Fire Chief Bill Scott, Public Works Director Wesley Yarbrough and attached list.

Absent: None

Public Comment:

1. Bill Austin at 55 Clay Cove stated that taxes are going to drive people out of the town, there are a lot of citizens that are on fixed income. Mayor Akin advised that there was no property tax increase in the approved FY27 budget.
2. Kevin Keen at 570 Williamsburg Drive voiced his concern regarding the new apartment complex and the perceived lack of transparency.
3. Charles Ennis at 75 Thornhill Cove stated that Mayor Akin has been under attack and wanted to say that Barry is one of the most honorable people I know. I appreciate him being able to serve in this capacity because it isn't an easy job.
4. Kirsten Johnson at 270 Eureka Trail voiced her concern of the amount of misinformation and disrespect on social media.
5. Tonya Villafane is overseeing the Heyward and Newbury Park Apartments. Ms. Villafane stated that the apartment complex is section 42 property that was set forth by the governor, the income limits and rental rates are set forth by the state and property has no control of them. The property must adhere to strict income guidelines and pass the Class A background check. Ms. Villafane stated that anyone is welcome to come and tour the apartments or stop by to ask questions or get more information.
6. Stephanie Bohrman at 125 Adkison Circle stated that she has lived in Atoka her life and that someone has decided to develop a road plan that goes through her mother's land, she states that it isn't fair.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Ordinance – 26-06-04 Final Consideration – FY26 Budget Amendment – Exhibit A – The Board had no objection to the ordinance being read by title only. The Town Recorder read the ordinance by title only. Alderman Poole made a motion to approve the ordinance on final consideration. Alderman Lightsey seconded the motion. Roll call: Lightsey-yes, Detje-yes, Harber-yes, Giannini-yes, Schaeffer-yes, Poole-yes. All in favor. Motion carried.



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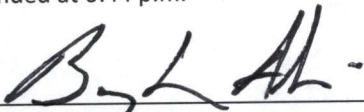


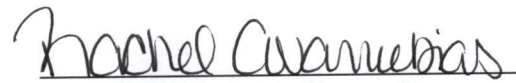
Resolution – 26-06-08 – Annual Fee Structure for the Town of Atoka – Exhibit B – Alderman Detje made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Alderman Giannini seconded the motion. Aldermen Detje, Giannini, Harber, Lightsey, Schaeffer-aye. Alderman Poole-nay. Motion carried.

ARP Pump Truck Purchase Approval – Exhibit C – Alderman Giannini made a motion to approve the purchase as presented. Alderman Detje seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Alderman Schaeffer inquired about taking another look at the water and sewer rates for fiscal year 2027. Anji Deaton, Finance Consultant with MTAS, advised that the rates that were passed by the Board are sufficient and accurate to cover the depreciation for the assets that will be online as well as operating expenses.

Alderman Poole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Giannini seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting ended at 6:44 p.m.


Barry L. Akin, Mayor


Rachel Covarrubias, Town Recorder

