

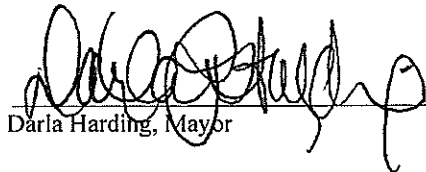
Minutes
Spruce Pine Town Council
Joint Meeting with Mitchell County Board of Commissioners
May 2, 2022, 7:00 PM

A special meeting of the Town Council was held on May 2, 2022. Present were Mayor Darla Harding and Council Members Rocky Buchanan and Jackie Rensink. Staff in attendance included Shelley Buchanan. Others attending included Commissioners Vern Grindstaff, Steve Pitman, Jeff Harding, Harley Master and Brandon Pitman. Others attending included Dean Grindstaff, Donald Street, Dean Corn, Jesse Pressley, Dr. John Boyd, Jim Burleson, Sharon Burleson, Sheila Blalock, and Mavis Parsley.

DISCUSSION – Pine Line Fixed Route


The Spruce Pine Town Council asked to meet with the Commissioners to discuss funding of the Pine Line Fixed Route for the time frame of February 2023- June 2023. Mayor Harding began the discussion by thanking the Commissioners for allowing the Town Council to attend the meeting. She explained that the Pine Line has proven to be a great asset to Spruce Pine and Mitchell County and would like their help in sharing the cost of the \$28,000 requested by Sheila Blalock to fund these five months after the grant money runs out in February. She also noted that Spruce Pine is the hub of the population and activity in the county. Mayor Harding asked that the Board consider a 50/50 split between the town and the county. After some discussion of the benefits and success of the Pine Line, Commissioner Jeff Harding proposed the Board discuss the 50/50 split of the \$28,000 at their next budget meeting. Commissioner Steve Pitman thanked the Council for attending and sharing their thoughts and concerns.


Shelley Buchanan, Town Clerk


Darla Harding, Mayor

ABSENT
James Acuff, Council Member

ABSENT
Larry McKinney, Council Member


Rocky Buchanan, Council Member


Jackie Rensink, Council Member