

Town of Ronda

July 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mayor Pro Tempore (MPT) Bumgarner. All the Commissioners were present. In addition, Consultant Michael Boaz, Town Clerk Rachel DeGroat, ORC Jeff Jones, and Maintenance Technician Jordan Church were present. There were also several visitors in attendance.

Invocation and Pledge: Commissioner Nelson gave the invocation and lead the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda: On a motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Munsey, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion regarding culvert replacement within the residential perimeters of 421 Chatham Street.

Approval of Minutes: On a motion by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Porter, the minutes were approved as written.

Discussion of Expenditures: Commissioner Nelson inquired about the status of the town's reimbursement for a picnic table currently displayed at River Park. Consultant Michael Boaz shared that the review of files has yet to show that the town has received reimbursement. Commissioner Nelson set forth the motion to send a letter to Roberta Mickey Cruise, including the bill of purchase for the table, and request payment and/or proof of payment for reimbursement to the town for the purchase of the table. Commissioner Munsey seconded that motion.

Reports:

1. ORC: Jeff Jones reported that July 24, 2025 is bid opening for the new water meter system. Wooten, an engineering firm, will be present during this open bidding process, Wooten will review the submissions and make their recommendation to the Board. Water line repair at Shady Hill is now complete.
Replacement parts for the fire hydrant on Factory Street have been ordered. ETA on those parts is 10-14 days.
New well has been drilled. Depth of 400 feet, with 60 gallons of water per minute. The "24-hour pump down test" still needs to be complete. Commission Nelson inquired about a back-up plan in the event this well location fails. Jeff Jones advised the board to wait on the data and results from all upcoming testing. The pending test is what will provide the final read on the gallons per minute (GPM) along with the quality of the water. Once the board has all the information to review, then discussions can proceed if plans will move forward with that well location.
There are power issues taking place at the well booster station and Jeff Jones recommended having a licensed electrician come out and assess both the station and the well. Small, slow leak found on Cemetery Street, 811 contacted, and leak will be addressed and repaired next week.

2. YVSA: No meeting in July, nothing to report. Next meeting is scheduled for August 12, 2025.
3. HCCOG: Commissioner Munsey reported that HCCOG is offering computer and electronic donations, and suggested the town consider a computer lab for the public set-up in the Town Hall Library. Town will look to apply with the HCCOG and see if Ronda will qualify for a computer and monitor donation.
4. Yadkin Chamber: Commissioner Nelson relayed a report of various activities taking place throughout the area through the end of the calendar year.

Open Forum: Mr. Victor Varela inquired about the possibility of Ronda getting fiber optics lines. Mr. Varela volunteered to help with this initiative and will take the lead in reaching out to Carolina West to gather more information to present to the board.

Ms. Roberta Mickey Cruise claims to have paid for the picnic table. Ms. Cruise states she processed a cash miscellaneous transaction payment on 4/11/2025 in the amount of \$232.00. Town Clerk will look back through April records to confirm her claim.

Board Actions:

1. Mayor/Commissioner Vote: Commissioners voted, results were a 2-2 tie. No newly appointed members have been elected at this time.
2. Lead Service Line Grant Application: Commissioner Bumgarner motioned to proceed with application for grant funding to replace lead lines primarily located at Pleasant Hill, Commissioner Nelson seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to proceed with the application.
3. Northside Park Road Repair: Commissioner Nelson shared two quotes with the Board. The first quote cost \$2,500.00 to redress and repack the existing entranceway to park. The second quote cost \$5,000.00 to redirect natural runoff and prevent further wash away of entryway. The Board requested to get more quotes for further price comparison and consideration.
4. Northside Park: Commissioner Nelson presented a proposal to enhance activity and usage of the park. Riverside Park is popular and crowded with river and playground activity but does not provide options and accessibility specific to children with disabilities. Commissioner Nelson propose to consider equipping Northside Park with playground equipment specific to the disabled. Commissioner Nelson is requesting approval to put together a package to submit to the State to inquire about grants and services to contribute towards the expensive cost of playground equipment designed for disabled children. The Board agreed to proceed.
5. Culvert Replacement: Commissioner Munsey inquired about the culvert replacement at 421 Chatham Street. Town Clerk will review pervious minutes from past Board meetings to confirm that town voted on the agreement of the town paying for the labor of the culvert installation and the resident was to provide the necessary materials for the replacement.

Adjourned: On a motion made by Commissioner Nelson, seconded by Commissioner Munsey, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.