

Minutes of the special-called meeting of the Saltville Town Council held on June 20, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Hall

**Council:** Tom Holley, Sandra Wyatt, David Smith, and Randall Brickey  
Eugene Call and Ron Orr were absent

**Mayor:**C. Todd Young

**Staff:** G.C. Wilcox, Police Chief  
Steve Johnson, Clerk/Treasurer

### **New Business**

#### **1. Saltville Community Health Systems**

The Mayor stated the purpose of this meeting was to discuss the members of the Saltville Health Center Commission who help with the medical center and the old hospital. He stated that the following people had contacted him and expressed interest in serving on this body: Tabby Henderson, Debbie Maiden, Monica Johnson, Valerie Robinson, and Dave Henderson.

Councilman Brickey asked if there were any by-laws that stated what the commission did or what power the Council had over the commission. The Mayor said the members served on three year terms, and to his recollection, Dickie Dye was the last one appointed by the Council back in 2010. Though each term was for three years, he recommended having any new members alternate their terms so that all would not come up for reappointment at the same time. Councilman Brickey then inquired about advertising for these positions and whether or not the Council should do that. The Mayor replied that these were appointments by the Council and did not need to be advertised. Additionally, he stated that any member appointed had to live in the town limits.

Councilman Brickey asked why this was not acted upon before now, and the Mayor said it was not brought to light until the discussion about the suboxone clinic got started. It was discovered that the Saltville Health Center Commission actually owned the old hospital building, so it is vital that there be new members appointed to this commission. Councilman Brickey then stated that some of those five prospective members had shown up and spoke against the establishment of the suboxone clinic and may look like the Council is just putting people on the commission who oppose its existence. The Mayor said the Council had issues with its establishment as well. Councilman Brickey asked if these people needed to be appointed tonight, and the Mayor replied that he thought so. The town's attorney had made this point in Closed Session a couple of days ago. Councilman Brickey continued by saying that he still felt like these openings needed to be advertised. The mayor countered that by stating that the longer the amount of time it took to put people on this commission, the further along the clinic

will be. Additionally, the room was full at the meeting on Tuesday with citizens opposed to the clinic.

Councilman Holley made the motion to appoint the five aforementioned people to the commission, and Councilman Smith seconded. During the discussion, Councilman Brickey said he still felt these positions should be advertised. The Mayor also brought up how the terms of service would be staggered. Councilman Brickey suggested having every member serve a one-year term initially, and before the first year is finished, set up a standard of how the terms would be staggered. The Council agreed with Councilman Brickey's suggestion. Councilman Holley's motion passed 4-0.

The Mayor asked the Council if they wished to hire an attorney to deal with this suboxone issue specifically. The town uses a couple of engineering firms for projects already, so having more than one attorney would be okay as well. Councilman Holley recommended using Campbell & Associates, since Jeff Campbell actually lived in the town. Councilwoman Wyatt agreed with Councilman Holley. Councilman Brickey said he thought that the town needed another attorney, especially to help with this current situation.

The Mayor asked if anyone would make a motion to contact Jeff Campbell to see if he's interested in helping the town with this situation and paying him a fee for his help. Councilwoman Wyatt made that motion, and Councilman Smith seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Lastly, Councilman Holley made the motion to adjourn, and Councilman Smith seconded. All were in favor.