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## SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

December 5, 2022

A Special Council Meeting for the Town of Batesburg-Leesville, held in Building B of the Town Hall Complex, was called to order by Mayor Shull at 6:00 P. M. Members present were Mayor Shull, Council Members Brown, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon, Wise, Prouse, and Hall.

## INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Council Member Prouse.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Council Member Gambrell.

## APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to approve the agenda. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:        8 Approved                      0 Denied

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Candidate Interviews for the position of Municipal Judge**
- B. Receipt of Legal Advice and Discussion Regarding Possible Contract for Opportunity Involving Town Owned Property**
- C. Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to Contract for the Purchase of Property on East Columbia Avenue.**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Hall to go into Executive Session at 6:04 pm.

VOTE:        8 approved                      0 denied

**RETURN TO SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Prouse return to the Special Council Meeting at 7:25pm.

VOTE:           8 approved                           0 denied

**POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY COUNCIL IN FOLLOW UP TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Candidate Interviews for the position of Municipal Judge**

A motion was made by Council Member Hall with a second by Council Member Wise to offer a contract to Bruce Horne as Municipal Judge and a contract to Michael Emmer as back up judge. Details to be worked out but same base salary for the municipal judge position.

VOTE:           4 approved                           4 denied (Brown, Gambrell, Cain, Lemon)  
Motion Failed

A motion was made by Council Member Cain with a second by Council Member Gambrell to offer a contract to Michael Emmer as Municipal Judge.

VOTE:           6 approved                           2 denied (Hall, Shull)

**B. Receipt of Legal Advice and Discussion Regarding Possible Contract for Opportunity Involving Town Owned Property**

A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to accept the contract with Eau Claire Cooperative Health as presented in Executive Session.

VOTE:           7 approved                           0 denied                           1 abstained (Cain)

**C. Receipt of Legal Advice Relating to Contract for the Purchase of Property on East Columbia Avenue.**

A motion was made by Council Member Gambrell with a second by Council Member Hall to purchase property on East Columbia Avenue for \$135,000. Funding to come from general fund.

VOTE:           7 approved                           0 denied                           1 abstained (Cain)

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**ADJOURNMENT**

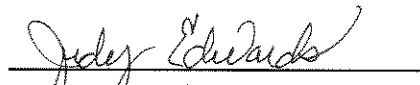
A motion was made by Council Member Prouse with a second by Council Member Gambrell to adjourn at 7:33 P. M. With no discussion, a vote was taken.

VOTE:        8 Approved                      0 Denied

**Approved this 12th day of December 2022.**

  
**Lancer D. Shull, Mayor**

**ATTEST:**

  
**Judy Edwards, Town Clerk**