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The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Wade met in special session May 16, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. at the Wade Town Hall. The purpose of the meeting was to address the issue of salaries for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Board Present

Mayor Joseph Dixon
Commissioner George Strater
Commissioner Kevin Herring
Commissioner Johnny Sawyer
Commissioner Johnny Lanthorn
Commissioner Jennifer Weaver

Mayor Dixon called the meeting to order and Commissioner Strater opened with prayer.

Mayor Dixon stated that the special meeting was called due to the discussion that took place at the Board's May 9th regular meeting regarding the issue of salaries for the upcoming budget year. Commissioner Lanthorn reminded the Board that he had suggested a cost-of-living increase in November; however, no action was taken. He stated that he felt the proposed 4% increase was not enough to account for inflation. He stated that more was needed to help employees with added expenses. Commissioner Lanthorn suggested a 9% increase.

Commissioner Weaver stated that 9% was too much and asked about the prior year's increase. Town Clerk Cindy Burchett informed the Board that all employees received a 4% increase on July 1, 2022.

Commissioner Strater stated that he felt 9% was too much and that perhaps 5% was a better figure.

Commissioner Sawyer expressed concern with the amount of increase due to the proposed loss of sale tax revenue. He questioned if a one-time stipend would be possible,

Commissioner Strater stated that there were other projects that the Board needed to accomplish such as work to the Town Hall.

Board Members held a general discussion concerning a percentage that would be agreeable. Following the discussion, Commissioner Sawyer made a motion to give employees a 5% increase and a one-time \$1,000 stipend. Commissioner Herring seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. It was agreed that the stipend would be paid July 1st.

Adjournment

Commissioner Lanthorn made a motion seconded by Commissioner Herring to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Joseph Dixon
Joseph Dixon, Mayor

Cindy C. Burchett
Cindy C. Burchett, Town Clerk