

**MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 – 5:30 P.M.**  
**AGENDA MEETING OF THE OXFORD BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**OXFORD CITY HALL – COMMISSIONERS’ BOARD ROOM**

The Board of Commissioners for the City of Oxford met at the above-mentioned time and place. All members of the Board and local news media were notified of the same as well as the purpose of the meeting.

Present were Mayor Jackie Sergent, Mayor Pro Tem Howard Herring Commissioners James (Danny) Currin, Robert B. Williford, Sr., Calvin (CJ) Harris Jr., Frank Strickland, S. Quon Bridges, and Patricia T. Fields. Staff Present was City Attorney J. Thomas Burnette, City Manager Randy Hemann, and City Clerk Barbara Rote.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Sergent called the meeting to order.

**PROCLAMATION OF LIFE FOR DECEASED COMMISSIONERS**  
**200<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TIME CAPSULE**

The Board discussed inconsistencies on presenting Proclamation of Life certificates to deceased Board members.

By consensus, the Board agreed to place a Proclamation of Life for elected official who served on the Board during the past 20 years and are now deceased into the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Time Capsule. The proclamation will be accompanied by a list of the deceased members.

**NO PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATION OF LIFE FOR DECEASED COMMISSIONERS**  
**DURING BOARD MEETINGS OR MEMORIAL TABLE**

By consensus, the Board agreed to discontinue presenting a Proclamation of Life during a regular Board meeting for deceased elected officials who served on the Board and to discontinue placing a memorial table in the lobby of City Hall for the same. Recently Commissioner Walter Cantley was recognized with a Proclamation of Life and memorial table. Commissioner Jack Carey will be recognized during the March 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, and also have a memorial table. Previously, Commissioner Paul Kiesow was recognized with a memorial table at City Hall.

**AGENDA SET FOR MARCH 10, 2015 REGULAR SESSION**  
**REMOVED AUDIT CONTRACT**

The Board set the agenda for the March 10, 2015 Regular Session.

Discussion about receiving bids on the annual audit versus approving the audit without the bidding process raised questions about consistency of bidding contracts over \$30,000. It was noted that the Cemetery service contract was bid so this should also be bid for consistency.

However, discussion based on the time needed to prepare a bid package, absence of a Finance Director and the possibility of contracting with Harold Belton to prepare the bid package, prompted a motion to keep the 2014-2015 audit contract on the Agenda as written and include a statement that required a bid for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The motion failed as follows:

COMMISSIONER CURRIN MADE A MOTION TO KEEP ON THE MARCH 10, 2015 AGENDA THE AUDIT CONTRACT FOR FY ENDING JUNE 2015 WITH WINSTON, WILLIAMS, CREECH, EVANS AND CO., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$37,500, ADDING A STATEMENT THAT EVEN THOUGH THE CONTRACT EXCEEDED \$30,000, THE CONTRACT WOULD NOT BE BID THIS YEAR DUE TO THE UNFILLED FINANCE DIRECTOR'S POSITION AND THE NEED TO GET THE CONTRACT BID AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE AUDIT CONTRACT WOULD BE BID FOR THE 2015-2016 FISCAL YEAR. COMMISSIONERS CURRIN AND WILLIFORD VOTED IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. COMMISSIONERS FIELDS, BRIDGES, STRICKLAND, HARRIS AND HERRING AGAINST. **THE MOTION FAILED.**

The Audit Contract was subsequently removed from the agenda and returned staff for bidding.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

THERE BEING NO FURTHER DISCUSSION, AT APPROXIMATELY 6:55 P.M., MPT HERRING MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. ALL VOTES WERE IN THE AFFIRMATIVE. **THE MOTION CARRIED.**

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Barbara J. Rote, City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Jacqueline vdH Sergent, Mayor