TOWN OF GARLAND

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2024

6:00PM

The Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Garland was held at the Garland Town Hall in Garland, NC on Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 6:00pm

The following members of the Board of Commissioners were present:

Mayor Pro Tem, Jo Strickland, Commissioner Ralph Smith, Jr, Commissioner Lee Carberry, Commissioner Anthony Norris, Commissioner Timothy Blackburn, Town Clerk, Shauna' Harper

Purpose: Closed Session-Personnel NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6)

Call to Order by Mayor Pro Tem Strickland

Pledge of Allegiance was said by all. Commissioner Anthony conducted the invocation. All approved agenda.

Commissioner Ralph Smith made a motion to go into closed session at 6:04

Ramona Arias was interviewed by Town Clerk Shauna' Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Jo Strickland and Commissioner Jo Strickland for the position of Deputy Clerk. They recommended her to the board for the position. Spoke of eager potential and a good fit for the town.

Commissioner Smith suggested hiring pending passing an employment drug test and background check. Commissioner Anthony Norris motioned to hire Ramona once confirmation of passed drug and employment screening. Seconded by Commissioner Smith, unanimous decision to hire Ramona as the Deputy Clerk.

Commissioner Lee will schedule interviews for potential public works employees.

Motion was made by Commissioner Smith to exit closed session, seconded by Commissioner Anthony @ 6:12

Motion to go into open session by Commissioner Smith, seconded by Commissioner Lee, Ramona was offered the position of Deputy Clerk and she excitedly accepted.

Motion by Commissioner Smith to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Anthony

Meeting adjourned at 6:47pm

Austin Brown, Mayor

∠Att**∉**st

Shauna' Harper, Town Clerk