

Regular Meeting

Absent: Comm Ferrell
Comm Tippett

Town of Cooleemee
January 12, 2026

Minutes

(Open Session)

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Mayor Smith gave the invocation.

Mayor Smith led the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Smith welcomed attendees and thanked Benita Finney on her service and serving as Davie County Chair of Commissioner's.

There was an addition to adding the gaga ball to the agenda.

Commissioner Corriher made a motion to adopt the agenda/consent agenda. Motion to approve the financial report of 12/31/2025 and minutes of 12/15/2025. Commissioner Reavis seconded and motion carried.

Public Comments: Linda Bourne gave an update on the post office. She has contacted Senator Budd's office, and they are willing to work with her. The town's ordinance would have to be removed or revised. She is giving the petition to Mayor Smith.

Dave Fowler gave a report that his credit cards were sent back and cancelled. Also, Christmas presents were sent back because of post office.

Ron Bivens gave report on River Park. There were 30,000 visitors for the year. Winter hours are still Friday, Saturday and Sunday through March. They are going to receive grants for 2026 and private donations for new projects.

Sgt. Crotts gave his monthly report. For the month of December there were 469 hours inside the town. That equals 15 hrs/day. For the year 2025 there were 1057 calls. This includes calls coming from the CAD system such as medical calls, B& E's, wrecks, traffic stops. Total hours inside town were 3098 hours which amounts to 20 hrs/day inside town. Cameras are being placed at shopping center and on some streets. This will assist on warrants, child abduction.

Mr. Charles Hines, from the North Carolina League of Municipals, commended the town on completing the training going through the manual.

Steve Corriher was presented a plaque from the League on the completion of finishing of Accounting Instruction and Mentorship.

Mayor Smith was presented a plaque as a successful participant in the Accounting Instruction and Mentorship Program.

Mayor Smith reported that the first payroll will be done on January 15th by ADP. The community center drawings should be finalized, and we are back on track with \$1.65 million.

Mayor Smith reported that code enforcement will happen on Tuesday at 208 Center Street. They have seven days to get property cleaned up or company will come in and haul off. They will be responsible for all the cost of hauling off and will be billed by the town. The next property is at 220 Center Street. It is junk vehicles, open storage. This will be going out on Tuesday also.

Mayor Smith has contacted several people about the post office. So far, he has not received any response. A public hearing will be held later to discuss the post office.

A work session will be held later to discuss the appointment of liaisons.

Also, in the work session they will discuss the lien process. Need to decide on number of fines and how much. Communicate to the homeowner that they would be billed monthly. If they were not paid, they would go to collection agency and maybe to court to collect. A monthly report needs to be done reporting by property the number of fines.

Discussion was held on the basketball backboards. The Neely St backboards could not be completed until a 10-year lease was finalized with the school board. That has been approved for 10 years. We are waiting on Davie County Recreation director to let us know if an extension has been approved.

Mayor Smith discussed contracting out the Finance Officer job. This was tabled.

The 2026 Holiday Schedule was approved.

Commissioner Corriher made a motion to approve putting a gaga ball in the park. Commissioner Reavis seconded and motion carried.

In board comments Commissioner Corriher feels we must do something for the post office problem. Need to get a solution.

Commissioner Reavis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Corriher seconded and motion carried.

Shirley Jacobs, Clerk

Jeff Smith, Mayor