

TOWN OF COHUTTA
Council Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2026

Present: Mayor Ron Shinnick and Council Members Andy Lopez, Randy Stanton, Sandy Clayborne, and Shane Kornberg

Meeting was opened at 6:02 pm by a prayer led by Rob Chase.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rob Chase.

The Mayor presented the minutes of the March 10, 2026, Council meeting. *The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026, Council Meeting. Shane Kornberg moved to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026, Council Meeting. Sandy Clayborne seconded the motion. All members of the Council voted in the affirmative. Motion passed.*

Chief Fowler presented the Public Safety Report.

Bill Morgan presented the Court of Cohutta Report.

America 250 Committee Report was given by Melissa Warner.

July 4th band and bathrooms secured

Rob Chase presented to council drawings for a new sign on Cleveland Highway and Wolfe Street. The Mayor appointed a committee to choose a design to present back to council. The committee members are Rob Chase, Ed Painter, Sandy Clayborne, and Kelli Brayden.

Property and Liability rate for 2026 have several options, Option 1 to pay a lump sum, Option 3 was to pay 4 quarterly payments of approximately \$12,000 per quarter. *The mayor asked for a motion to approve option 3 for four quarterly payments. Shane Kornberg made a motion to choose option 3 to pay four quarterly paymenst. Andy Lopez seconded the motion. All approved.*

Matters of information:

- Cell phone tower – right of way agreement is in the hands of the county/state.
- Thrive Grant submitted for July 4th
- Sidewalk Grant - NWGRC
- Dalton Utilities franchise agreement
- Prorated agreement for the sewer ends March 17, 2026
- HB 244 – audit new guidelines for small municipalities
- Ruritan Chicken Que April 25
- Cohutta Town Fair May 2
- Drew will be working on code violations
- The Mayor has interviewed 2 people for town clerk but states he would like to wait until

June to hire when the audit is complete for 2025.

Randy Stanton made a Motion to Adjourn. Sandy Clayborne 2nd the motion. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm.

Next Meeting: **May 12, 2026**



Melissa Warner, Assistant Town Clerk



Mayor Ron Shinnick