



**Budget Retreat Minutes
February 25, 2026**

The Board of Aldermen/Alderwomen for the Town of Fremont, NC held a Board Retreat, scheduled, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on October 29, 2024. Present were:

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor
Leroy Ruffin, Mayor Pro tem
Oscar Mooring, Alderman
Tim V. Howell, Alderman
Wayne Jackson, Alderman
Shelia Reid, Alderwoman
Joyce M. Artis Alderwoman/Town Clerk

Also in attendance were: Finance Officer Shannon Moats, Interim Public Works Director Kenneth Stanley, Police Chief Paul Moats, and Assistant Police Chief Greg Bottoms.

The following is the agenda that was prepared to be followed, but due to Fire Chief Jeff Brooks', inability to attend the retreat, the agenda was adjusted to have the remaining departments to come in earlier, and additional time was added to the discussion of the budget.

First Session

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Gathering/Socialization
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Goals for Meeting – Board Members
9:30 – 10:00 AM	Fire Department – Chief Jeff Brooks
10:00 – 10:30 AM	Police Department – Chief Paul Moats
10:30 – 11:00 AM	Public Works – Interim Director Kenneth Stanley
11:00 – 11:30 PM	Round Table Discussion
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Town Hall Staff – Finance Officer and Town Clerk
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch

Second Session

1:00 – 3:30 PM

Budget Retreat

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Priorities for FY 2026, Next Steps & Closing Thoughts

4:00 PM

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Each Department Head presented the needs of their department for the next fiscal year. Every Board member gave their suggestions about the budget, and plans were developed for the future of the Town.

Eddie Yelverton, Mayor

Joyce M. Artis, Town Clerk