

**TOWN OF COWPENS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
Budget Workshop
5332 N. Main St.
Monday, March 30, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

The Town of Cowpens held a special meeting for a budget workshop on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor Jarred S. Spencer, Mayor Pro-Tem Erin P. Wofford, and Council Member Lesa C. Bolin, Pam Camp, and Danyelle D. Goode. Mayor Spencer called the meeting to order and held prayer.

Chief Blanton presented the proposed fire department budget for 2026-2027 to town council. He is asking for an increase of \$5,000 for the town's portion of the fire district tax. Other increases include salaries, retirement, insurance, fuel cost, and utilities. Council reviewed the proposed budget. No action was taken on the proposed fire department budget.

Town Council reviewed the proposed police department budget for 2026-2027. Chief Meredith updated the town council regarding the mandate to upgrade the police department radios to TDMA compatible radios. Cost of the upgrade is approximately \$70,000.00. Chief Meredith applied for a JAG grant, but with the government shutdown grants were retracted.

The department also needs two new vehicles. The 2020 Ford Explorer is six years old, and the 2022 Ford Explorer is four years old, both have over 100,000 miles recorded.

Town Council studied other budget expenditures for each department. Another budget workshop will be scheduled, and amounts will be updated as needed.

ADJOURNMENT

Lesla C. Bolin made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Pam Camp, and carried.

Mayor Jarred S. Spencer

Mayor Pro-Tem Erin P. Wofford

Council Member Lesa Bolin

Attest:

Council Member Pam Camp

Teresa Carter, Town Clerk

Council Member Danyelle D. Goode

Staff Present: Steve Bolin, Town Administrator, Teresa Carter, Town Clerk, Wayne Meredith, Police Chief, and Tony Blanton, Fire Chief