

Town of Pollocksville
Regular Meeting
June 9, 2026

Present: James V. Bender, Jr. – Mayor

Guest List: Attached

Sherry Henderson - Commissioner

Ellis Banks – Commissioner

Maria Robles – Commissioner

Vic Bryan - Commissioner

Toni Floyd – Town Clerk

I. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Declaration of a Quorum

The Board of Commissioners for the Town of Pollocksville held its regular schedule meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at the Pollocksville Town Hall. The meeting was open to public attendance as well as participation via Zoom. Mayor Bender called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. With four Commissioners present, we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of New Business

None

III. Approval/Adoption of Final Agenda

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve and adopt the final agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Banks and all were in favor.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Minutes of May 12, 2026 Meeting

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Robles. All were in favor.

VI. SPECIAL ORDER: Public Hearing on the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget

Commissioner Banks made a motion to enter into the Public Hearing. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion and all were in favor. The 2026-2027 Budget was presented to the board on April 28, 2026. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive comments. Mayor Bender stated that the Town originally planned to participate in the Fire District Overlay Tax, but the county no longer plans to assess the tax, so we adjusted our budget to reflect additional funding for the fire department. Kevin Aycock commented on the fire department funding, and thanked the town for the additional funding. Utility rates for 2026-2027 have been increased approximately 2.8-3%. There is no property tax increase. With no comments from the public, Commissioner Henderson made a motion to exit the Public Hearing. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion and all were in favor.

VII. Presentations to the Board

A. None

VIII. Action Items

- A. Mayor Bender asked for a motion to rescind the Town's resolution consenting to inclusion in the proposed Jones County Fire Protection Service District, due to Jones County deciding not to enact the tax. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to rescind the resolution with a second by Commissioner Bryan. All were in favor. Mayor Bender congratulated the fire department on their recent \$40,000 state grant award.
- B. Adoption of a Resolution accepting a grant from NCEM Disaster Relief & Mitigation Fund – The Town received notification of additional funds awarded for the FEMA-BRIC project in the amount of \$169,000. Commissioner Banks made a motion to adopt the resolution and also give authorization to complete related documents. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- C. The Board received a copy of a Resolution requesting the Jones County Board of Elections to place a Mixed Beverage Referendum on the November ballot. Commissioner Robles made a motion to approve and adopt the Resolution with a second from Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor.
- D. Commissioner Robles made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Budget and the Budget Ordinance, with a second from Commissioner Banks. All were in favor.
- E. Commissioner Henderson made the motion to approve the 2026-2027 Fee Schedule. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- F. We received the Audit Contract for the audit of FY 2025-2026. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the contract with a second from Commissioner Robles. All were in favor.
- G. Other?

IX. Reports

A. Mayor's Report – Mayor Bender:

- 1. Legislated Grant: The grant has been extended for one year, now closing on 6/30/2027. We have added several items to the OSBM grant.
- 2. We are still awaiting closeout on CRP grant.
- 3. NCEM: We received an additional \$169,000 for the BRIC/FEMA project, approved as noted previously. Estimates are being updated and completed now. We are attempting to get an extension due to the delays in funding.
- 4. Utility Regionalization: We are waiting for a contract.
- 5. Fourth Street drainage project: We continue to wait for a contractor.
- 6. Water Treatment Plant: The final inspection was supposed to be today, but has been delayed because three (3) people are required to be present. Mayor Bender is going to talk to East Carolina Broadband about wi-fi service at the water tank. There may be a small amount of money remaining which may be used for a new generator at the plant.
- 7. WWTP: Attorney Dave Baxter will talk with the engineers this week about the surveying of the property.
- 8. The permit for relocation of Pump Station #2 has been received.
- 9. Mike Barnett is working on approval for allowable uses of remaining CDBG-NR funds.
- 10. The filing date for municipal elections is July 6-July 17.
- 11. A life jacket station is going to be erected at our boat ramp later this month.
- 12. Leslie Bartlebaugh has left the CDDL.
- 13. Mayor Bender attended several meetings on behalf of the town. The Hwy 17/64 Association meeting had discussion about the Beaufort Rd intersection. He also spoke at the June 1 Jones County meeting on behalf of Pollocksville regarding the Fire Tax. Mayor Bender also attended Harrier Jet Sundown celebration.
- 14. The Maysville ribbon cutting is this Thursday for their downtown revitalization.

15. The next joint county/municipal meeting on July 28, 2026.
- B. Department of Public Works – Todd Meadows and J.J. Chadwick:
1. Water and Wastewater projects updates: Mr. Meadows has been replacing meters. Pump Station #3 is having problems with debris. The pump is not seating properly. One solution going forward is to consider grinder pumps.
 2. Other?
- C. Town Clerk/Finance Office – Toni Floyd
1. Check Register, BvA, Cash Report, Bank Reconciliation for May were presented to the board. We still have about \$6000 in outstanding property taxes, approximately 10% of our total.
 2. Budget Amendments for approval: None
 3. Resignation of Asst. Town Clerk/Finance Officer London Mayo
 4. Other? Mayor Bender asked the board for approval to hire a replacement for Ms. Mayo prior to the next meeting. Ms. Floyd is getting quotes from cleaners for the building.
- D. Beautification/Economic Development
1. Commissioner Bryan stated that the town looks really good with Todd doing the mowing.
 2. We are waiting on a quote for a load of mulch from Mowing Buddies
- E. Planning and Zoning – Mayor Bender:
1. Update from Andy Thomas, Code Enforcement Officer April and May reports included in board packet
 2. 401 Third Street: Waiting on information about the clean-up of the burned house.
 3. Junk car/nuisance ordinance: Will continue to work on ordinance update.
 4. John Ray Eubanks property on Second Street: Permit was supposed to be updated, per the county.
 5. Bell Street houses have supposedly been sold

F. Attorney-David Baxter

1. None

X. Unfinished Business

- A. None

XI. New Business

- A. None

XII. Public Comment

None

XIII. Closed Session NCBS 143-318.11(a)(3)

Commissioner Robles made a motion to enter into a closed session with a second from Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor.

Commissioner Banks made a motion to leave closed session with a second from Commissioner Bryan. All were in favor.

No action was taken as a result of the Closed Session.

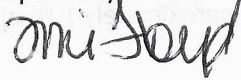
XIV. Announcements

The next meeting will be at 7:00 on July 14, 2026. There will be a joint county meeting on July 28, 2026 beginning at 6:00 at the Jones County Civic Center

XV. Adjournment

Commissioner Henderson made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robles and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Floyd, Town Clerk

Approval Date 7/15/2026