

Town of Pollocksville  
Regular Meeting  
July 14, 2026

Present: James V. Bender, Jr. – Mayor

Guest List: Attached

Sherry Henderson - Commissioner  
Ellis Banks – Commissioner  
Maria Robles – Commissioner  
Vic Bryan – Commissioner  
Nancy Barbee - 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, July 14, 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 five Commissioners present, we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of New Business

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 June 9, 2026 Meeting

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

VI. Presentations to the Board

A. None

VII. Action Items

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VIII. Reports

A. Mayor's Report – Mayor Bender:

1. The Scope of Work for the legislated OSBM grant has been amended and approved
2. We have received our replacement street signs and also replaced banners, and flags
3. An accident on 6/28/2026 damaged the street post at Beaufort Rd, and the accident report has been received
4. CRP Grant: Still waiting on close out documents
5. The Town will receive \$169,000 from NCEM for the BRIC project
6. We have not received word on Period of Performance (POP) request for BRIC grant extension

7. Utility Regionalization Grant: The Scope of Work has been received from UNC
  8. Fourth Street drainage project still up in the air, no contracts
  9. Attorney David Baxter advised that all work on his end is done for the WWTP project
  10. \$2.5 million in CDBG funds were used and is ready to be closed. We need to schedule a Public Hearing on July 21<sup>st</sup> for close out. Commissioner Henderson made the motion to call the hearing and hold a special meeting. Commissioner Barbee seconded the motion and all were in favor.
  11. Mike Barnett is working on releasing the remaining CDBG-NR funds
  12. Filing for elections ends this Friday at noon
  13. Commissioners have approved the resolution to approve county-wide liquor by the drink on the ballot. There will be two drink referendums on the ballot in Pollocksville; the Town vote and a county-wide vote.
  14. Last month, Mayor Benders shared information about the Pollocksville Baptist Church Trail Life Group erecting a life jacket station at the boat ramp. It has been installed.
  15. Congressman Greg Murphy in Pollocksville for roundtable on August 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:30.
  16. The Town received another request from the Jones County Heritage Committee asking if we wanted to have a booth. In lieu of a booth, Mayor Bender asked for a motion to make a \$100 donation. Commissioner Barbee made the motion with a second from Commissioner Robles. The vote passed with a 4-1 vote, with Commissioner Banks casting the dissenting vote.
  17. There have been electrical issues in town and in parts of the county since last month. The issue appeared to be a bad transformer and has been corrected by Duke Energy.
  18. Information from Dan Rhyne with the NC State Auditor's office: He is conducting an investigation regarding 688 pre-1983 landfills. Pollocksville has two on the list. One is located on the John Simmons property and is #68 on the list. The other dump is located on White Oak River Rd and is #615. The property was owned by Elsie Philyaw.
  19. Mayor Bender the attended ribbon cutting for the Main Street project in Maysville
  20. Mayor Bender also visited Cherry Point for a military civilian event. The Post Commander is pushing for an Oak Grove Day event.
  21. FRC (Fleet Readiness Center) East is hiring for careers. They are hiring up to 1000 people in the next 2 years to build aircraft. The average salary is \$90,000.
  22. The joint county/municipalities meeting will be July 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6:00 at the Civic Center.
  23. Jones County has scheduled an event to dedicate three (3) Revolutionary War signposts installed at the court house. The event will be on August 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00.
  24. The Jones County America 250 committee is going to erect a memorial for individuals who served in military or militia.
- B. Department of Public Works – Todd Meadows and J.J. Chadwick:
1. Water and Wastewater projects updates : DEQ has issued final approval for WTP. The contractor operations representative will be here tomorrow at 11:00 to inspect. We are waiting on engineering approval before we can switch over from county water. There is also a WWTP renewal inspection tomorrow. Lift station #4 is tied to the nursing home, and we have had multiple issues with discharge from the nursing home. Mayor Bender sent a letter to the nursing home business officer about the issues.
  1. Other?
- C. Town Clerk/Finance Office – Toni Floyd
1. Check Register, BVA, Cash Report, Bank Reconciliation for May and June
  2. Budget Amendments for approval: None

3. Hiring of new Assistant Town Clerk/Finance Officer: Maria Overman was introduced to the board.
  4. Discussion on website update and social media presence: Commissioner Barbee suggested that board members send in items for website and Facebook
  5. Other?
- D. Beautification/Economic Development
1. Jones County Rotary Request re: Maintenance of plants and new plants: Commissioner Barbee stated that the Jones County Rotary will take over maintaining our planters at Town Hall
- E. Planning and Zoning – Mayor Bender:
1. Update from Andy Thomas, Code Enforcement Officer: Report went out to board.
    - a. 401 Third Street: It has been ruled an accidental fire, and the Mayor heard that the insurance settlement has been paid. The bank was the only bidder at the foreclosure auction. Attorney David Baxter will send a letter to the bank asking that property be cleaned up.
    - b. We do not know the status of permits for 207 Second Street.
    - c. The Bell Street houses have been sold, supposedly. The purchaser is telling people that “someone” told him that he does not have to elevate. Debris from inside the houses is piled in the yard. Mayor Bender will talk to Andy Thomas tomorrow about the property. We can charge a \$100 per day penalty if not resolved.
    - d. Mayor Bender will try to obtain more information about unreported dog bite on Gertrude Street.
- F. Attorney-David Baxter
1. Did not attend

IX. Unfinished Business

A. None

X. New Business

A. None

XI. Public Comment

None

XII. Closed Session – if necessary

XIII. Announcements

The next meeting will be at 7:00 on July 21, 2026. There will be a joint county meeting on July 28, 2026 beginning at 6:00 at the Jones County Civic Center

XIV. Recess

Commissioner Barbee made the motion to recess the meeting until July 21, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Toni Floyd, Town Clerk

Approval Date \_\_\_\_\_