

Town of Pollocksville
Regular Meeting
September 8, 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
Maria Overman – Asst. 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, September 8, 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 all Commissioners present, we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of New Business

III. Approval/Adoption of Final Agenda

Budget Amendments removed due to no amendments being required. A motion was made by Motion was made by Commissioner Banks to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2026 and August 25, 2026 Meeting (special meeting)

Minutes editorial amended as requested by Commissioner Henderson. A motion was made by Commissioner Robles to approve the minutes of both meetings. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Banks and all were in favor.

VI. Presentations to the Board

A. None

VII. Action Items

A. None

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor's Report – Mayor Bender:

Legislative Grants:

- Close to securing a replacement truck.
- Street sign replacement is planned for the fall.
- Final bill for CRP should be here by Friday.
- Final accounting and invoice expected by end of week

BRIC Grant: Contract amendments approved at Aug 25 meeting. Questions on scope of work on 137 Main Street due to interior changes made by the owner discussed with Travis Klondike. Carter and Meadows properties are scheduled to be started first.

Utility Regionalization: Contract executed

CDBG-NR program funds: Approximately \$56000 in account. Trying for approval from the state for use of funds. Remove Preston trailer, James Coleman trailer, acquire 106 and 108 Bell Street. Mayor talked to Kenny Flowers. Ms. Preston says that she has been paid by insurance and has nothing to do with the trailer. Not sure who owns it. Asked for attorney to prepare purchase agreement. Property is owned by Billy Franks and heirs. Mayor will need an access agreement for the property. Coleman trailer-James Coleman said yes to moving trailer after he cleans it out. Also need purchase agreement and access agreement. 106 and 108 Bell Street-Realtor said they will accept \$23000 for the property, including adjacent lot. Mike Barnett says that these activities will not use the entire funds we have. 110 Hudson Street-owner will take \$15000 according to realtor. Existing house is one of the oldest in town. Mayor wants to move forward if no objections from the board. Motion to offer \$23000 from CDBG-NR for Bell Street property. Motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to authorize offering \$23000 for the Bell Street using available program funds. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan. All were in favor.

Thanks to all who attended round table with Congressman Murphy.

Fire Dept needs confirmation of hydrant maintenance.

Upcoming Events:

- Who will attend resilience meeting at Harker's Island?
- Committee of 100 on Sept 17
- Fall social at Cherry Point on Sept 18 at 5:30pm. Be sure to RSVP for base access.
- Heritage Festival Sept 25-26. Town donated \$100
- Rural Center hosting listening sessions. Maysville, October 14
- Congressman Murphy and Rouzer are holding summit in Greenville Oct 21.

B. Department of Public Works – Todd Meadows and J.J. Chadwick:

- Water and Wastewater projects updates-WTP-Near closeout, one more construction item needed for insulation of piping. Trying to get reimbursement for purchase of county water during construction. If state approves insulation and water bills, we should have \$77000 remaining in grant. If they do not approve, \$109000 to be spent. Tyndall Lewis with McDavid gave us a quote for \$150000 for a generator. We are going to get another quote, if possible. Must have 3-phase power.
- Sewer plant- Ms. Buckholtz continues to complain about the noise. Phase 2 is beginning, which includes acquisition of the land. Letters have been sent out and we have received several calls.
- Other: Fourth Street drainage project moving forward. Engineer has agreed to avoid removal of magnolia tree.
- Inspection of sewer operations led to a letter of violations. \$1186.09 in fines. A response letter was sent via registered mail, but the fines remain. Mayor Bender has responded to violation letters twice. We can pay the fine, file a request for remission, ask for an administrative hearing. Commissioner Henderson said that if Johnnie Chadwick has documentation, we should ask for remission of the fine. Attorney Kyle Dickerson said if we are sure that we do not have to do the chlorine testing, we should not pay the fine. Mayor Bender suggested paying the fine and stating that we have responded, with proof, and question the items that we have questions about. Motion

was made by Commissioner Barbee to authorize payment of penalty with supporting documents. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor.

- No word on Pump Station #2.
- Trees trimmed for school system

C. Town Clerk/Finance Office – Toni Floyd

- Check Register, BvA, Cash Report, Bank Reconciliation for July and August
- Budget Amendments for approval-None
- Other: Auditor has completed work here, anticipates no issues.
 - i. We are back on the Unit Assistance List based on the 2024-2025 audit. Mayor called and was told that our fund balance percentage of expenses was too low. However, that issue was addressed and a response was filed in January 2026. They also say that our liabilities at year end are too high. We are working on getting off the list.

D. Beautification/Economic Development

- To be covered in closed session
- Commissioner Bryan said that the Canadian service berry bushes at the park are dying. Suggested bush hogging the park. Mayor Bender will tell Todd Meadows and Johnnie Chadwick.
- Commissioner Barbee asked about an event for downtown sponsored by the town. Commissioner Henderson suggested music and hot dogs. The board will talk about some ideas to get people together.

E. Planning and Zoning – Mayor Bender:

- Update from Andy Thomas, Code Enforcement Officer-Have determined that bank owes 401 Third Street, but no response received yet. 217 Hudson Street is overgrown, going into foreclosure. Ongoing dispute between Tamra Church and The Filling Station.
- Review draft Junk Car Ordinance. Attorney recommended updating valuation language from \$100 to \$500 to comply with statute. Motion was made by Commissioner Robles to adopt the Junk Motor Vehicle Ordinance with the recommended revision. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor.

F. Attorney-Kyle Dickerson

IX. Unfinished Business

A.

X. New Business

A.

XI. Public Comment

XII. Closed Session –NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3)(5) –the price and other material terms of a proposed contract for the acquisition of real property by purchase.....

Motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to enter closed session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barbee. All were in favor.

Motion was made by Commissioner Henderson to exit closed session. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Barbee. All were in favor.

One action item as a result. Enter into a contract with NCDOT to purchase parcels as designated in the attached map. A motion to approve the contract was made by Commissioner Barbee and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor.

XIII. Announcements

The next meeting will be at 7:00 on October 13, 2026.

XIV. Adjournment

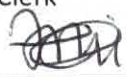
The motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Robles with a second from Commissioner Bryan. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Toni Floyd, Town Clerk

Approval Date

 10/13/2026