

Town of Pollocksville  
Regular Meeting  
April 14, 2026

Present: James V. Bender, Jr. – Mayor

Guest List: Attached

Sherry Henderson - Commissioner  
Ellis Banks – Commissioner  
Nancy Barbee – Commissioner  
Maria Robles – Commissioner  
Vic Bryan - Commissioner

Toni Floyd – Town Clerk  
London Mayo – 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, April 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 all 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 Robles and all were in favor.
- IV. Public Comment  
None
- V. Approval of Minutes of September 9, 2025 Meeting  
Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Robles. All were in favor.
- VI. Presentations to the Board
  - A. Jonathan Hinkle-Bolton & Menk-Trent River Flood Study: Presentation is included with the minutes.
  - B. Aaron Kite-Jones County Fire Marshall-Jones County Fire Study: Presentation is included with the minutes.
- VII. Action Items
  - A. No Cost Extension request from NCSE/CDDL re REMA-BRIC Grant – To be covered in Mayor’s Report
- VIII. Reports
  - A. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Bender:

1. Legislated grants: We need to bring our grants to a close by year end. The new street signs at cemetery will be installed Friday. America 250 and Bridge Run banners are up. We have purchased a new podium and a tablecloth.
2. Sidewalk grant: We will not need to use contingency funds, but the final invoice is not in yet.
3. Pedestrian crossings are painted and the signs are up.
4. A DOT engineer is going to evaluate traffic at the Beaufort Rd and Main Street intersection.
5. BRIC: We received word that BRIC has been restored. We need to go with BRIC instead of HMGP due to the length of approval process. DEQ is still committed to the \$120000 match. We are requesting an extension and may need to adjust the project project due to cost changes in the last 5 years. The contractor provided a revised SOW. We do need to grant an extension to NCSU. Commissioner Barbee made the motion to approve the extension with a second from Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor.
6. Utility regionalization: We have received two grants for the regionalization study/program. We are not going to sign them yet because we need to talk with Maysville, Trenton, and Jones County first.
7. Fourth Street Project: Rich Moore is proceeding with direct solicitation. Two contractors are interested and hope to start in 30 days.
8. We received the final appraisal on the WWTP land.
9. The permit for relocation of pump station 2 has been approved.
10. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to approve a resolution recognizing Line Worker Appreciation Day on April 18, 2026. Commissioner Bryan seconded the motion and all were in favor.
11. A film crew did some background footage in town.
12. Mike Barnett has repeatedly requested approval for spending the remaining CDBG-NR funds. Mayor Bender has also requested approval.
13. People have reported golf carts operating on the sidewalks, and that is illegal. Johnnie Chadwick suggested placing bollards at the end of the sidewalks. Ms. Floyd will post a Facebook reminder about golf cart permits and not driving on sidewalks. The Town also need to put stakes on the sidewalk near the post office where people are driving and parking.
14. Mayor Bender represented the town at the Leadership Conference and the America 250 event.
15. Congressman Murphy and Congressman Davis have both announced community funding grants
16. There will be two separate ribbon cutting events, on the same day, for the new recreation center and playground.
17. Board members need to respond to air show invitation.
18. Department of Public Works – Todd Meadows and J.J. Chadwick:
  1. Water and Wastewater projects updates: Mr. Chadwick reported that the water treatment plant testing started today. Construction is almost complete and they hope to have the plant online at the end of month. We had to purchase 20 tons of salt and also bleach to get the plant started. We attempted to buy from a bulk seller, but the minimum purchase is 220 tons and there is no storage available for the excess. The tank has been washed out and is ready for usage. Further testing and approval by the DEQ engineers must take place before we switch to the new plant. The WWTP required

some additional work last week, but it is operational. Mr. Chadwick contacted the Riverbend ORC for assistance.

2. Other?

B. Town Clerk/Finance Office – Toni Floyd

1. Check Register, BvA, Cash Report, and Bank Reconciliation for March
2. Budget Amendments for approval: Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve amendments 2026-14 and 2026-15. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all were in favor.
3. 2026-2027 Budget 1<sup>st</sup> Draft: Updates to the budget will be made once we receive the water/sewer projections. The board will need to discuss the fire tax proposal. A budget workshop will be held on April 28, 2026 at 7:00.
4. Other?

C. Beautification/Economic Development

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D. Planning and Zoning – Mayor Bender:

1. Update from Andy Thomas, Code Enforcement Officer

E. Attorney-David Baxter

1. None

IX. Unfinished Business

A. None

X. New Business

A. Commissioner Henderson wants the Board to discuss a referendum for liquor by the drink at the next meeting.

XI. Public Comment

None

XII. Closed Session (if necessary)

XIII. Announcements

The next regular meeting will be on May 12, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment

Commissioner Barbee made the motion to recess the meeting until April 28, 2026 at 7:00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Robles and all were in favor.

The meeting was reconvened on April 28, 2026 at 7:00. Mayor Bender called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. With three commissioners present, we had a quorum.

The meeting was reconvened for the purpose of discussing the 2026-2027 Annual Budget.

FEMA/BRIC CONTRACT: The contract was originally signed in 2021. Due to the elapsed time, the total work estimate has increased by approximately \$170,000. Richard Cook has not signed his right of entry forms. Mayor Bender told Travis Klondike to remove those properties from the contract and make the necessary adjustments to the budget. Mayor Bender requested permission to approve

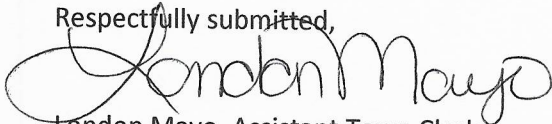
the updated contract amounts. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to allow the mayor to sign the paperwork. Commissioner Robles seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mayor Bender presented quotes for the purchase of a generator for Town Hall, which will be purchased using OSBM Grant Funds. Commissioner Robles made a motion to purchase the generator from R&T Power Systems for \$11,232.34. Commissioner Barbee seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The town received two grant offers from NCDEQ for \$50,000 each. Commissioner Barbee made the motion for Mayor Bender to approve the grants with a second from Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor.

Commissioner Barbee made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Commissioner Robles. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



London Mayo, Assistant Town Clerk

Approval Date 5/12/2020