

Town of Pollocksville
Regular Meeting
March 10, 2026

Present: James V. Bender, Jr. – Mayor

Guest List: Attached

Sherry Henderson - Commissioner
Maria Robles – Commissioner
Vic Bryan – Commissioner
Ellis Banks – Commissioner
Nancy Barbee - 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 Monday, March 10, 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
 - A. This meeting will recess till March 24th for the Joint County-Municipal Event.
- III. Approval/Adoption of Final Agenda
Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve and adopt the final agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bryan and all were in favor.
- IV. Public Comment
 - A. N/A
- V. Approval of Minutes of January 13, 2026 Meeting
Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Commissioner Ellis. All were in favor. Approved with changes.
- VI. Presentations to the Board
 - A. Jonathan Hinkle – Bolton & Menk – Trent River Flood Study (was not able to attend tonight’s meeting, he mentioned to Mayor Bender he could attend April’s Meeting)
- VII. Action Items
 - A. N/A
- VIII. Reports
 - A. Mayor’s Report – Mayor Bender:
 1. Legislative Grants – This grant needs to be closed ASAP. It is due to revert back to State June 30th 2026. \$46,000 remains, and this does not include the \$110,000 set aside to match the CRP grant. Looking to use the remaining funds for Public Purpose. Mayor Bender wants to

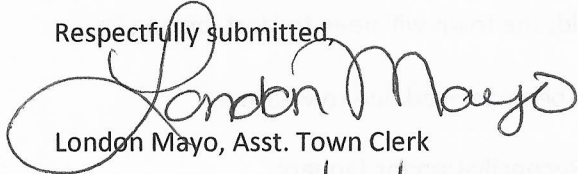
entertain the motion to move forward with getting new street signs in town. **Commissioner Robles made the motion, with a second from Commissioner Barbee. All were in favor.**

2. Carbon Reduction Plan Grant (CRP): Complete.
 3. BRIC/HMGP: There is still no “official word” FEMA-BRIC project.
 4. Pending Water, Wastewater, and Infrastructure Projects:
 - A) Still no progress on the Fourth Street Drainage Project. Rich is still waiting on Golden Leaf to allow direct negotiations since construction is estimated below the \$500,000 threshold.
 - B) The current Sewer Project has been inspected and was officially closed out on February 17.
 - C) Mayor Bender attended the progress meeting for the Water Treatment Plant project. There have been some delays with material arriving. The Contractors feel like that we will be on county water will the end of March – mid April. Project has till the middle of June to be completed.
 - D) Mayor Bender has signed the permit application prepared by Rich Moor for the Pump Station #2 relocation. Still waiting on plans for this project.
 5. All funds have been repaid to Golden Leaf and have received official word of the closing of this grant.
 6. Duke Energy has finally cleaned up the removed tree at the Elementary School property.
 7. Mayor Bender met with DOT Division 2 Chief Engineer Mary Beth Houston and Assistant Engineer Cadmus Capehart about the property at the bypass. DOT can’t “give” this property except for something like a park, but they are investigating options.
 8. Mayor Bender also mentioned that the intersection of Beaufort/Island Creek Road and Main Street was rather dangerous, given the offset with the school traffic. Mary Beth will refer this to Preston Hunter, retired Division 2 Engineer, who has come back to work part-time.
 9. Mayor Bender along with Commissioner attended the Jones County America 250 Committee meeting. Maysville will be having it’s July 4th event on the 25th. Mayor Bender believes that the Pollocksville Rotary is planning something for after the 4th.
 10. Fire Hydrants – Painted by the end of the school year for America 250 – **Commissioner Robles made the motion to approve; the motion was seconded by Commissioner Barbee. All in favor.**
 11. Mayor Bender joined with County Manager Kyle Smith in nominating County Recreation Director David Mallard for consideration as a “Key Influencer.” This is under the Marine Corps and the Blue Angels. If David is selected, he will fly in a Blue Angels aircraft.
 12. Mayor Bender was contacted by Attorney General Jeff Jackson’s office and informed that he was a recipient of the Dogwood award. Recipients of this award are chosen for their positive impact, leadership, and dedication to helping others.
 13. Mayor Bender wrote a letter of support to Congressman Murphy for \$7 million on Congressional Funding for the County’s proposed Emergency Shelter and Wellness Center. The shelter will be designed to withstand Cat 3-5 storms, thus providing safe spaces for our residents.
- B. Department of Public Works – Todd Meadows and J.J. Chadwick:
1. There was a water issue that involved the 10” waterline that runs from the plant to the northern industrial park ruptured. The County worked alongside JJ and Todd to repair this.
 2. Solar Panels have been installed on the additional speed signs.

3. Vehicle Issues – There was a n issue with Todd’s truck. Pollocksville Automotive was able to repair the issue. Todd’s truck is 20 years old; the town will need to start looking at replacing this truck.
 4. Sidewalk Repairs – The sidewalk repairs have been delayed due to weather.
- C. Town Clerk/Finance Office – Toni Floyd
1. Check Register, BVA, Cash Report, and Bank Reconciliation for January
 2. Budget Amendments for approval – there is one budget amendment carried over from February’s meeting. Packet should have been received by all board members. Toni will explain. **Commissioner Banks made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Henderson and all were in favor.**
 3. We have been struggling with Duke to determine what we owe for Christmas lights. We’ve never paid more than about \$700 per year and this year, we received two invoices totaling almost \$2500. After some work by Toni and Duke, it appears that the bills we have received are the utilities for the new sewer system. We have filed the appropriate paperwork and will get this amount back to normal for the Christmas lights. This has been resolved and Christmas Lights costs us just under \$550 for the season – much more reasonable.
 4. Other?
- D. Beautification/Economic Development – Commissioner Barbee
1. N/A
- E. Planning and Zoning – Mayor Bender:
1. Update from Andy Thomas, Code Enforcement Officer
 1. January and February reports should have been sent to you prior to the meeting. Please review and if you have questions, call or email Andy directly.
 2. At January’s meeting, Attorney Baxter talked about changes in the junked car ordinance and nuisance ordinance. Attorney Baxter was satisfied with the Junked Car ordinance with one change, but there were some questions about the nuisance ordinance.
- F. Attorney-David Baxter
- 1.
- IX. Unfinished Business
- A. N\A
- X. New Business
- A. N\A
- XI. Public Comment
- N\A
- XII. Closed Session (if necessary)
- XIII. Announcements
- XIV. Adjournment
- Commissioner Robles made the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Barbee and all were in favor. Recess

The board reconvened March 24th 2026 at the Jones County Joint Meeting. Following the meeting commissioner Bryan made the motion to with a second from robles.

Respectfully submitted,



London Mayo, Asst. Town Clerk

Approval Date 4/14/2024