

Town of Pollocksville
Regular Meeting
May 12, 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

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, May 12, 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 Banks 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 April 14, 2026 Meeting - Also included April 28, 2026

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. None

VII. Action Items

A. Adoption of two (2) Resolutions accepting two grants for Merger/Regionalization Feasibility Study. - Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve with a second from Commissioner Banks. All were in favor.

B. Adoption of a Resolution consenting to inclusion in the Jones County Fire Protection Service District. - Commissioner Henderson made a motion to approve with a second from Commissioner Robles. All were in favor

C. Adoption of Emergency Management Ordinance. - Commissioner Bryan made a motion to approve with a second from Commissioner Banks. All were in favor.

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor's Report – Mayor Bender:

1. Legislative grants had to be expended by June 30, 2026 or the money had to be returned. With a new act by the General Assembly last week, this deadline has been extended to June 30, 2027.

Toni has filed an amended Scope of Work with the Office of Management and Budget to allow us to spend some of this money to replace Todd's Town truck.

2. On April 28, the board approved the purchase of a generator and it is set to be delivered on Monday May 17.

3. Carbon Reduction Plan Grant (CRP): we are awaiting final closeout documents on this project.

4. BRIC: As per the board authorization on April 28, 2026, Mayor Bender has executed the contract with Shepherd Contracting to begin the FEMA-BRIC project. As Mayor Bender reported in April, it appears that we can get some additional gap funding for this project – given the differences in budgets since the project was proposed in 2021. Mayor Bender is waiting for the final word on this.

5. Utility Regionalization. We have already addressed this issue with the acceptance of the two (2) grants. In accepting the grants, we will have to pay \$1500 up front as "closing costs" but DEQ has advised that we request reimbursement for this on our next payment request. Once the paperwork is at DEQ, we can contract with the UNC Environmental Center to do the study.

6. Pending Fourth Street Drainage Project – Rich Moore with McDavid has received two informal cost proposals on this project. He is evaluating to see if these proposals fit with funds available before making a recommendation.

7. Water Treatment Plant – we have received the bulk load of salt and chemicals. There was also a problem with a part that was wrong and are awaiting this arrival. The inside and the outside of the WTP plant have been repainted – outside looks so much better.

8. WTP Related: Tyndall is thinking there could be a small amount of money left over in this grant. JJ has suggested a generator plug at Well #2 as well as some control updates to that area. Fund remaining must be related to WTP for use.

9. The Application for the New Sewer Plant has been signed as of Monday May 11th, 2026.

10. The town is still waiting for the final appraisal to the adjacent property.

11. The permit for the Pump Station #2 relocation has been received. Rich notified me that he is shooting for the end of the week or first of next week in getting his responses back to the State on the plans.

12. At our first April meeting, there was a question raised about the possibility of Mixed Beverage Sales in the Town. A town needs 200 registered voters and there must be another town within the county that already allows mixed beverages. Maysville does. Pollocksville has 202 voters. Next steps if moving forward are to have a signed petition with at least 35% of the registered voters. The town would need 71 signatures. Commissioner Henderson made a motion to start the petition, seconded by commissioner robles.

13. ECC Memberhips: Lenior, Wayne, Craven, Carteret, and Onslow counties have pulled out, along with the City of New Bern, the City of Havelock, and several smaller municipalities. Jones County is still in the ECC, and until Jones pulls out, Mayor Bender think we should stay in. Commissioner Robles agrees about staying in.

14. Mayor Bender reported at the last meeting that Mike Barnette has repeatedly requested approval from the Department of Commerce for permission to use revenue from our CDBG-NR grant for related purposes. This money resulted from the sale of homes that we repaired. Our request was to remove two abandoned mobile homes on Hudson Street and acquire property on Bell and Hudson. Mayor Bender has sent an additional request for approval.

15. We had some issues at the park with boaters parking on the grass. Mayor Bender contacted NC Wildlife and its enforcement officers were onsite the next week and cited another person. They will be erecting more signs warning of towing if someone parks on the grass.

16. Mayor Bender has been to three recent events to represent. This includes the two ribbons cuttings for the new playground and the exercise facility across from Jones Senior High School. Mayor Bender also attended the 2026 MCAS-Cherry Point Air Show; Commissioner Robles was also present.

17. The first meeting of the Flood Resiliency Task Force on April 20. As it relates to Pollocksville, there seems to be a lot of interest in removing the old Roper Lumber Company Railroad bridge upriver as well as the center section support of the Trent River Bridge. While Mayor Bender will continue to advocate for resiliency efforts regarding water coming up river from New Bern and River Bend, Mayor Bender did come away with a new appreciation of the amount of water that comes down from Trenton and how it affects us.

18. Organizers for this year's Jones County Heritage Festival have reached out – requesting a Town presence and offering a free booth. In the past, we have donated \$150

19. County Manager Kyle Smith informed me that the county is still waiting on the final paperwork for one FEMA lot in Trenton before transferring the ones in Pollocksville to us.

20. The Town of Maysville is holding a Ribbon Cutting for its Main Street Revitalization Project. June 11, 2026 at Noon.

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

1. Water and Wastewater projects updates
2. Other?
3. Issues with meters –
4. Need to replace the batwing mower - \$13,000 – Maria and Vic to purchase

C. Town Clerk/Finance Office – Toni Floyd

1. Check Register, BvA, Cash Report, Bank Reconciliation for April, Financial Reports on various grant funds
2. Budget Amendments for approval – Water Rev, interest on beautification, CRP move, Transfer from water to sewer for start-up – Commissioner Henderson made the motion to approve, seconded by Commissioner Bryan.
3. ADA Compliant – The town is ADA compliant.
4. Toni and London have developed a “Termination of Utility Service” agreement. Utility users will be required to complete this document prior to receiving any return of deposit. This will hopefully eliminate some of the problems when a person leaves unannounced and we didn't know anything about it.
5. 2026-2027 Budget Message and Proposed Budget
 - a. Call for Public Hearing on June 9, 2026 – Commissioner Banks made the motion with a second motion from Commissioner Bryan.
6. Other?

D. Beautification/Economic Development – Commissioner Barbee

1. Mowing buddies – Mulch – adding to or one time invoice for updating

E. Planning and Zoning – Mayor Bender:

2. Update from Andy Thomas, Code Enforcement Officer
3. Contract received – The hourly rate has increased from \$80 to \$85 – Commissioner Robles made the motion to approve the new contract, with a second from Commissioner Banks. All were in favor.

4. 407 – John Ray property – lawyer
5. Working on getting a new planning board.
6. Chicken Ordinance.

F. Attorney-David Baxter

1. None

IX. Unfinished Business

- A. None

X. New Business

- A. None

XI. Public Comment

Kevin Aycock – Pollocksville Fire Dept. – Wanting to look at the numbers and the budget – 0.86
Robert (Bubba) Coombs – Pollocksville Fire Chief.
Aaron Kite – Jones County Fire Marshal

XII. Closed Session (if necessary)

None

XIII. Announcements

None

XIV. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

London Mayo, Asst. Town Clerk

by Jane Floyd, Town Clerk

Approval Date

6/9/2026