

Town of Pollocksville  
Regular Meeting  
August 12, 2025

Present: James V. Bender, Jr. – Mayor

Guest List: Attached

Sherry Henderson - Commissioner

Ellis Banks – 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, August 12, 2025, 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 three Commissioners present, we had a quorum.

II. Introduction of New Business

III. Approval/Adoption of Final Agenda

Commissioner Henderson made the motion to approve and adopt the agenda. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Banks and all were in favor.

IV. Public Comment

None

V. Approval of Minutes of July 8, 2025 Meeting - includes 7/29/2025 Recess Meeting

Commissioner Henderson made the motion to approve and adopt the minutes. Her motion was seconded by Commissioner Banks and all were in favor.

VI. Presentations to the Board

A. NONE: There were no specific presentations, but Corey Spaulding, DRS, was invited to speak to the board regarding our FEMA appeal. He will speak during closed session.

VII. Action Items

A. None

VIII. Reports

A. Mayor's Report – Mayor Bender:

1. Paving Grant completed. The project has a one-year warranty
2. Legislative Grant: \$110,000 will be used for the sidewalk project. Our new street signs from Bender Signs are scheduled for the week of August 25<sup>th</sup>. The new stop signs from Correction Enterprises have been received.

3. Main Street/Park: The board discussed just mowing and letting the bushes go. We have a contract with Mowing Buddies to do the maintenance. Eddie Jenkins will be invited to the September meeting to answer questions for the board.
  4. CRP Grant: A preconstruction conference was last week in Kinston. DOT anticipates starting on August 27.
  5. BRIC Grant: Attorney General Jeff Jackson held a press conference in Pollocksville to highlight the loss of our federal funds. Travis Klondike and Leslie Bartlebaugh had a Zoom meeting with the contractor, and the contractor has been in town doing some preliminary site visitation work.
  6. FEMA Reimbursements: Project 4934 is considered closed. We have received \$499560.03 of the \$727,000 we expect to get. We owe NCORR another \$27000. On August 3<sup>rd</sup> the final payment was authorized but is not yet received.
  7. A Cat Z request has been submitted to NCEM for Direct Administrative Costs (DAC). We were able to claim 10% or an average of three years audited budget. We should receive approximately \$83000.
  8. Water Treatment Plant: There is a lot of work going on in the area. Duke Energy thought that a pole would have to be moved, but have found out they can work around the existing pole. Duke discovered they had wiring issues that were causing our problems with the 3-phase electricity.
  9. Waste Water Treatment Plant: Work continues on the WWTP.
  10. 205J Grant: The COG has funding for grants directed toward storm water planning and implementation. To qualify for the grant, you have to make the argument that storm drainage is affecting water quality.
  11. Misc: At the joint county meeting, there was much discussion on the regionalization project. The town is not interested in combining with other municipalities, but would be interested in sharing resources. The mayor heard some claims that our water/sewer rates are higher than Maysville, but that is not true. Commissioner Henderson shared her opinion that there should be fewer presentations during the joint meeting.
  12. Mayor Bender welcomed Senator Brent Jackson to town on July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Bender put in a plug for more funds. The mayor told Senator Jackson that we were told it would take 45 days to get our FEMA money.
  13. America 250: Jones County is planning various events for the celebration. Dan Rhyne wants to paint all of the fire hydrants in patriotic colors. The Rotary is planning to ask about using the town hall on July 3<sup>rd</sup>.
  14. There are two trees next to the school that need to be removed. Duke Energy is going to remove the oak tree that is close to the power lines. The mayor asked the school superintendent to remove the other tree.
  15. During the Jones Heritage Festival, Mayor Bender will ride in the parade.
  16. JC4L: Jones County For Life formed under the "Our State, Our Home" initiative. They hope to develop affordable and sustainable housing. There will be a meeting in Maysville August 20 at 10:30.
  17. Mayor Bender attended the hurricane forum at the Jones County Civic Center last night. He reported that there were good presentations from the National Weather Service and Duke Energy. He also opined that Sissy Mills is doing a great job.
- B. Department of Public Works – Todd Meadows and J.J. Chadwick: Mr. Meadows has changed some meter boxes, and has a few more to do. He has noticed people walking their dogs and not cleaning up after them in the park. He asked us to purchase two stations, one at the entrance and one near the single car parking. Commissioner Barbee made motion a motion to purchase

the dog waste stations with a second from Commissioner Henderson. All were in favor. Commissioner Henderson said that we need to trim tree at corner of Green Hill and Third Street. Ms. Floyd asked permission to order additional meters.

1. Third Street Washout: Commissioner Bryan sent an email to the board about the washout, stating that we need to do something to stop the washout before it affects the baffle. Commissioner Barbee made a motion to engage a contractor to bring in riprap rock. Commissioner Henderson seconded the motion and all were in favor.

C. Town Clerk/Finance Office – Toni Floyd

1. Check Register, BvA, Cash Report, and Bank Reconciliation for June and July were provided the board prior to the meeting.
2. Budget Amendments for approval: None
3. Other: None

D. Beautification/Economic Development – Commissioner Barbee

1. Commissioner Barbee is concerned that when she rides down Main Street, there is nothing there. She wants us to do something to bring businesses in.

E. Planning and Zoning – Mayor Bender:

1. Update from Andy Thomas, Code Enforcement Officer: Update provided to board prior to meeting.
2. We heard that 401 Third Street is supposed to be sold.
3. The Board received two ordinances last month and they have been reviewed by the attorney. They will be sent back to Mr. Thomas for feedback.

F. Attorney-David Baxter

1. Pro-genealogy has provided a list of owners for the WWTP properties.

IX. Unfinished Business

A. None

X. New Business

A. Commissioner Henderson has posted library activities on the Facebook page.

XI. Public Comment6)

None

XII. Closed Session (if necessary) – NCGS 143-318.11(a)(3) – Attorney Client privilege and Personnel 143-318.11(a)(6)

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to enter closed session with a second from Commissioner Banks. All were in favor.

Commissioner Banks made a motion to exit the closed session with a second from Commissioner Barbee. All were in favor.

No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

XIII. Announcements

Next board meeting September 9, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment

Commissioner Henderson made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Banks and all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

*Toni Floyd*

Toni Floyd, Town Clerk

Approval Date 9/9/2025