

**Town of Peletier**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, January 5, 2026**

Mayor Dale Sowers called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Members present: Commissioners Walter Vinson, Nicky Krajacic, Sonny Mason and Donna Bierly. Commissioner David Bragg was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mason to excuse Commissioner Bragg from the Monday, January 5, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vinson and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

Before approving the Agenda, Mayor Sowers stated that he has one change to add before getting into the Department Reports and Commissioner Bierly has two items to add under New Business...

1) There are two candidates for Sheriff's Office. He would like to give each candidate a chance to speak.

2) Would like to introduce a candidate for the Planning Board

3) Consideration to adopt a resolution requesting NCDOT Safety Review and Improvements - West Firetower Rd and Pelletier Loop Rd intersection.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mason to approve the amendment to the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vinson and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Vinson to approve the December 1, 2025, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

**Introduce 2 candidates for Sheriff Office -**

John Nyberg gave a short presentation. He has been a resident of Carteret County for 21 years and has raised his children in this area. He retired from Highway patrol as a Captain. He is Sheriff Buck's chief deputy and has worked at the Sheriff's Office for about 10 years. He has helped the Sheriff's Office with administering the workings of the jail. Wants to continue with the work he and Sheriff Buck have been working on. Make the community a safer and better place for ourselves and visitors.

Shane Guthrie has 34 years of law enforcement under his belt. He is a native of Carteret County. He has worked with Beaufort Police Dept and Pitt County Sheriff's Office. He would like to add automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in every patrol car. This was done at the Pitt Co Sheriff's Office. It would be a benefit for deputies to respond to cardiac arrest patients.

**Department Reports:**

- a. **Code Enforcement Officer Report** – presented
- b. **Western Carteret Fire/EMS Report** – none
- c. **Financial Report** – presented

**d. Planning Board Report –**

- 1) Ronald Morgan is the new Chair for the Planning Board
- 2) Cameron Watson is the new Co-Chair for the Planning Board
- 3) Tabled Personnel Policy until the Feb mtg
- 4) Two open seats on the Planning Board

**e. Commissioners Report – none**

**f. Mayor's Report –** change Nov meeting from Nov 2 to Nov 9, due to set up for Primary Voting on the 3rd

**New Business:**

**1) Planning Board candidate** - Commissioner Bierly introduced Haley Reitzen as a candidate for the Planning Board. Haley has been a resident of Peletier since 20222 and lives in River East Subdivision. She is married and has two children and 2 dogs. Haley is currently working for American Diabetes as an Estate Administrator.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bierly to nominate Haley for the Planning Board seat. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vinson and passed unanimously (4 to 0). Welcome to the Planning Board Haley!

**2) Resolution requesting NCDOT Safety Review & Improvements West Firetower Rd & Pelletier Loop Intersection** - Commissioner Bierly met with Carteret County Commissioner David Quinn and State Representative Celeste Cairns to go over the safety issue with this intersection. Commissioner Quinn suggested drafting a resolution to send to DOT and he will do so as well. They discussed several areas in Peletier needing attention.

A motion was made by Commissioner Bierly to adopt the Resolution. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

**Public Comments (3-minute limit)**

Bob Henry, 107 Deaton Dr, asked when the ditch in front of his house will be fixed. It has been an ongoing issue since October 2025 when Commissioner Bragg and Mayor Sowers first checked it out. Mayor Sowers will get in touch with Commissioner Bragg and go over the schedule.

**Old Business:**

None at this time

**Other Business:**

None at this time

**Commissioners' Comments Review:**

Happy New Year all...

**Closed Session:**

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318-11 (a6) for the permitted purpose of discussing personnel

A motion was made by Commissioner Vinson to go into Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously (4 to 0)...7:11 pm.

**Adjourn ---**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Bea Cunningham  
Secretary to Board of Commissioners