

Town of Peletier
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Monday, April 13, 2026

Mayor Dale Sowers called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Members present: Commissioners Sonny Mason, Nicky Krajacic, Donna Bierly and David Bragg. Commissioner Walter Vinson was absent.

A motion was made by Commissioner Mason to excuse Commissioner Vinson from the Monday, April 13, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Mason to approve the April 13, 2026, agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Mason to approve the March 9, 2026, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed unanimously (4 to 0).

Mayor Sowers swore in the new town clerk, Colleen Thomas

Department Reports:

a. Code Enforcement Officer Report – presented - Lt Jensen also stated that there were complaints about a boat that was dumped at 1105/1106 Hwy 58, the owner is in the process of taking care of it. There were also complaints about a lot on Sand Spur Lane and a house on Lee Court. Both of which are being handled by the owners

b. Western Carteret Fire/EMS Report –Interim Chief Dustin Clapp was absent due to an emergency call.

c. Financial Report – presented by Mayor Sowers.

d. Planning Board Report –

1) Land Use Plan has been sent to the Board for with a recommendation to adopt

2) Toy Barn LLC permit application has been sent to the Board with the recommendation to approve it based on the owner changing the zoning from storage to office

e. Commissioners Report – Commissioner Bragg stated the potholes on Pettiford have been filled. Commissioner Bierly gave a report on the bicycle helmets the NCDOT has awarded to the town.

f. Mayor's Report – Nothing currently

New Business:

1) Budget Discussion - The town will be transferring \$10,000.00 to the Community Building Account. In the new budget there will be \$25.00 raises for the Planning Board, the Board of Commissioners and the Mayor. Commissioner Mason made a motion to send the budget to public hearing during the May 4, 2026 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bierly and passed unanimously (4-0).

2) Land Use Plan - Daniel from Western Piedmont Council of Governments called in via phone to discuss the Land Use Plan. This included future land use and future transportation recommendations. Other key recommendations were public access, water quality and natural hazard areas. Commissioner Bierly made comments relating to the importance of this plan and the hard work that went into drafting it. Commissioner Bierly recognized the Planner Carlton Gideon for his dedication and attention to the creation of the plan. Commissioner Bierly also thanked the residents that participated and the Mayor for his knowledge of the town. The Mayor thanked Donna Bierley for all her work. Commissioner Bierly made a motion to go into public hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously (4-0). There were no public comments. Commissioner Bragg made a motion to go out of public hearing. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0). Commissioner Bragg made a motion to adopt the Land Use Plan. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

3) Mowing Bids - The town received two sealed bids for mowing. The bids were from Lush Lawncare and Ar-Do-In Landscaping. It was determined that the Ar-Do-In Landscaping bid only quoted for monthly care, when the bid package from the town was asking for bi-weekly. The Attorney concluded this made it an incompetent bid. Commissioner Mason made a motion to accept the bid for Lush Lawncare. Commissioner Bragg seconded that motion, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

4) Commercial application review for file # PEL2026-PZA03 - Hwy 58 Boats and storage still need to have the site plan stamped by an engineer or a surveyor. There has been no news from the applicant. A motion was made by Commissioner Bragg to table the issue until next monthly meeting on May 4, 2026. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously (4-0)

5) Website Discussion - Commissioner Bierly presented information on upgrading the town website. She stated the old website is in no danger of crashing, but the new ADA standards for municipalities makes the upgrade necessary. The new website would be through CivicPlus. Commissioner Bierly and the Mayor negotiated a price based on the town's small size. A previous commissioner had reached out to CivicPlus and received a quote that was almost double the current quote. A motion was made by Commissioner Bragg to go ahead with CivicPlus. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason, and it passed unanimously (4-0).

Audit Contract - The mayor stated he would like to talk to the town attorney before discussion on the matter. Commissioner Bragg made a motion to table the matter until the next meeting. Commissioner Mason seconded the motion, and it passed (4-0).

Public Comments (3-minute limit)

None

Old Business:

1) Waste Management - The contract has been renewed. It was decided that the issue would be removed from Old Business.

Other Business:

None currently

Commissioners' Comments Review:

Commissioner Mason thanked everyone for all their work since he's been out with an injury. Commissioner Bierly was grateful that the Land Use Plan has been adopted and she welcomed the new clerk.

Closed Session:

Pursuant to NCGS 143-318-11 (a3) for the permitted purpose of attorney/client privilege

A motion was made by Commissioner Bragg to go into Closed Session. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously (4 to 0)...7:45

Adjourn ---

Respectfully Submitted by:

Colleen Thomas

Secretary to Board of Commissioners