

**Town of Peletier**  
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**  
**Monday, May 4, 2026**

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

A motion was made by Commissioner Vinson to excuse Commissioners Donna Bierly and Nicky Krajacic from the Monday, May 4, 2026, Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Mason to amend the May 4, 2026, agenda. Mayor Sowers added discussion about a new accountant to New Business and a closed session at the end of the meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

A motion was made by Commissioner Mason to approve the April 13, 2026, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vinson and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

**Department Reports:**

**a. Code Enforcement Officer Report** – presented - Lt Jensen also stated there were complaints concerning homelessness, speed and stop sign issues. Lt Jensen also gave an update on the properties that have been given warnings.

**b. Western Carteret Fire/EMS Report** – presented - Interim Chief Dustin Clapp

**c. Financial Report** – presented by Mayor Sowers.

**d. Planning Board Report** – No report due to a lack of quorum.

**e. Commissioners Report** – Commissioner Bragg stated there will be a sign added to Tidal Bluff Court. Commissioner Vinson had question about adding town signs to the town limits. It was decided that placement would need to be decided before signs were purchased.

**f. Mayor's Report** – Nothing currently

**New Business:**

**1) Day of Prayer Proclamation** - Mayor Sowers made a proclamation recognizing May 7, 2026, as a Day of Prayer. Commissioner Mason made a motion to adopt May 7, 2026, as a day for prayer for Peletier. Commissioner Vinson seconded the motion. It passed unanimously (3 to 0).

**2) Public Hearing - Adopt 2026-2027 Budget** - A motion was made by Commissioner Bragg to move the meeting into a public hearing for discussion of the budget. Commissioner Vinson seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously (3-0). Ronald Morgan asked how often

we receive tax payments from the county for things like vehicle registrations. The clerk responded that the county makes payments once per month. Reporter Kathleen Hopewell had questions regarding the line items for Advertising and Miscellaneous. Mayor Sowers answered explaining the advertising is for legal ads in the local paper and the miscellaneous is a way of balancing the budget. A motion was made by Commissioner Mason and seconded by Commissioner Vinson to go out of public hearing. A motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget was made by Commissioner Vinson and seconded by Commissioner Mason. It passed unanimously (3 to 0).

**3) New Accountant for 2026-2027 FY** - Mayor Sowers discussed the need for a new accountant starting in July. It was decided that an advertisement needs to be run in the local paper to receive bids. A motion was made by Commissioner Vinson to move forward with the advertising. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

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

Scott Brooks had a question about which roads were the town's responsibility, and which were the State's. It was suggested that Mr. Brooks contact the state DOT with any questions about the State roads.

**Old Business:**

**1) Audit Contract** - Discussion about renewing the audit contact with Gregory Redman, CPA. A motion was made by Commissioner Mason to renew the audit contract. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bragg and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

**2) 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. Mr. Ryan, owner of the property, decided he would like the town to refund his permit application fee and cancel the approval process. A motion was made by Commissioner Bragg to refund Mr. Ryan's check. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mason and passed unanimously (3 to 0).

**Other Business:**

None currently

**Commissioners' Comments Review:** Commissioner Vinson had questions for the town planner regarding the future of ECC. Carlton Gideon referred Commissioner Vinson to the director of ECC.

**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 (3 to 0)...7:15

**Adjourn ---**

Respectfully Submitted by:

Colleen Thomas

Secretary to Board of Commissioners