

Mayor

Ed Lowery

Commissioners

Christopher Carlson

Tony McVickers

Benjamin Mahaffey

Kristen McVickers

Kelly Grant

Attorney

Sarah Price



Town Clerk/Finance Officer

Raymie Day

Utility Clerk

Lana Penfield

Chief of Police

Hudson Chitwood

Public Works Director

Joe Penfield

Code Enforcement Officer

Tina Odom

**MEETING MINUTES
February 17, 2026**

Called to order by Mayor Lowery 6:30PM

Invocation by Mr. McColl

Pledge of allegiance led by Commissioner Carlson

The following members of the board of commissioners were present:

Mayor Lowery

Commissioner Carlson

Commissioner Grant

Commissioner Mahaffey

Commissioner K. McVickers (virtual)

The following members of the board of commissioners were not present:

Commissioner T. McVickers

Overview

- Sewer sampling underway.
- Well project approval letter received.
- Parking lot paving quotes reviewed, and motion passed to approve Stewart Electrical.
- Approved compensation resolution for meetings (including IRS mileage reimbursement and a meeting rate equal to board member position); motion carried.
- Department updates.

Approval of minutes from January 6, 2026 and January 20, 2026.

- Motion made by Commissioner Carlson to approve the minutes. Commissioner Mahaffey seconded. All in favor.

Consent agenda

- Motion was made by Commissioner Carlson to approve all items on the consent agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mahaffey. All were in favor.
 1. Resolution authorizing negotiations regarding a proposed medical center.
 2. Resolution authorizing remote participation in meetings of the board of commissioners of the Town of Parkton.
 3. Remote attendance policy.
 4. Acceptance of the legal memorandum summary.

New Business

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- No new business

Old Business

Sewer Project Update

- Mr. Penfield stated the conducting of sampling started today for shoring; awaiting McGill lab results; project proceeds once samples return.

Well Project Update

- Ms. Penfield stated the project was approved to update wells 1, 4, and 5.
- State approval letter received on Friday.
- Water quality is expected to improve.

Ruritan Property Update

- Mayor Lowery stated that he and Commissioner McVickers have a meeting on 2/25/2026 with a lawyer. Options to be discussed with the attorney.

Parkton Medical Center Update

- Mayor Lowery stated that he and Commissioner McVickers will be meeting with the business soon to negotiate.
- The proposed medical center would be built on the site of the old armory.

Parking Lot Paving Update

- Three estimates obtained: Stewart Electrical \$6,955, Sykes \$12,665, Diamond \$18,330.
- Commissioners review quotes.
- Scope limited to paving in front of Public Works, including a sidewalk and back-door extension.
- Pavement specified as 4 inches and 2 inches in different areas; all quotes used the same thickness; schedule depends on weather.
- Stewart confirmed October price quote still stands; decision approach favors the lowest qualified bid.
- Motion was made by Commissioner Mahaffey to approve Stewart Electrical for \$6,955. Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion. All in favor.

Compensation for meeting attendance

- Ms. Day reported IRS mileage option and packet; cited rate \$0.725 per mile (IRS figure cited).
- A drafted resolution was presented listing six meetings to allow compensation: Lumber River COG, NCLM, Robeson County Board of Commissioners, Parkton Fire & Rescue, FAMPO, Lumbee Tribal Council.
- Board agreed to proceed with the resolution as written, compensating each board member's standard meeting rate plus mileage per IRS standards.
- The resolution is to be amended later to include adding reimbursement to employees for training-related expenses (gas, lunch) and aligning mileage with federal/Senate standard.
- Commissioner Carlson made a motion to approve the resolution to compensate meeting attendance. Commissioner Mahaffey seconded the motion. All in favor.

Public Comments

Herald Smith

- Mr. Smith member of the Lumbee Tribal Council who is running for the district 8 seat.
- Mr. Smith informs the public that the tribal council is building 15 homes near Glen Road for homeownership with 1% financing.
- Tribal council will identify and coordinate grants to support town needs, including police funding and infrastructure.
- County commissioner candidate emphasized water testing, homelessness, economic development, paved roads, and litter control are needed in this district.
- Mr. Smith predicted a mall near 295 within 5 years emphasizing the growth of Parkton.

Laura Edwards

- Mrs. Edwards states that previously the residents on Green St. fought to have speed bumps placed on Green St.
- Mrs. Edwards reported that one of the speed bumps on Green Street by the school was destroyed and removed.
- Since removal residents note an increase in speeding and requested reinstatement for child and neighborhood safety.

Department Reports

Public Works

- Mrs. Penfield gave the utility report for January. 5 customers were shutoff and 2 new accounts were added in January.

Police Department

- Chief Chitwood reported in January that the police department reported 8 traffic stops, 3 disorderly conducts, 3 domestics, 2 arrests, 3 vehicle chases, a recovered stolen vehicle, and 2 financial frauds.
- The department signed mutual aid agreements.
- Commissioner Carlson had the mobile speed sign repaired and added a solar trickle charge.
- All the Crown Victoria units have been sold.
- The new patrol cars have been upfitted and are awaiting vinyl for completion.
- The evidence room has been revamped and is now a secure evidence room.
- Chief Chitwood also stated he has completed instructor school.

Admin

- Ms. Day gives an update to the official email request.
- New email accounts for commissioners and staff will run approximately \$900 per year.
- Board states that they wish for Ms. Day to proceed with the set up. She will follow up with Glenn at Netcom to get the emails created along with the alias'.
- Ms. Day also notifies the board that the updated town accounts information was included in their agenda packet.

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Zoning

- Commissioner Grant stated there were 2 storage building permits and 1 fence permit.

Commissioner Comments

None

Adjournment

- Motion was made by Commissioner Grant to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Carlson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Mayor Lowery called the meeting adjourned at 6:56PM.