

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
Thursday, March 19, 2026

The Town of Coats Board of Commissioners met in scheduled budget work session on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

Members Present:

Mayor Pro Tem Kelvin Gilbert
Commissioner Marc Powell
Commissioner Shirley Allen
Commissioner Monique Warren-Clegg
Commissioner Todd Pope

Staff Present:

Barbara Hollerand, Town Manager
Wesley Blount, Public Works Director
Kenneth Storicks, Police Chief
Sarah Goldsmith, Parks and Recreation Director

Members Absent:

Mayor Chris Coats

Staff Absent:

Mikayla Johnson, Interim Town Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor Pro Tem Kelvin Gilbert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert delivered the invocation and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Town Manager Barbara Hollerand presented a PowerPoint outlining the budget process undertaken for FY26-27. She spoke regarding last year's level-of-service workshop and the Board retreat in January as leading up to the budget workshops. She reviewed the 2022-2025 tax rate history and General Fund revenues as well as FY26-27 projections for ad valorem tax revenue based on this year's property re-evaluation.

Ms. Hollerand presented an overview of the proposed budget requests for Public Works, Parks & Recreation and Police and then department directors Wes Blount, Sarah Goldsmith and Chief Ken Storicks reviewed their department requests. Ms. Hollerand discussed new staff positions under consideration including town clerk/HR, town planner, Public Works and Parks & Recreation positions, and an additional officer in the Police Department. Ms. Hollerand presented a draft five-year Capital Improvement Plan, and Board members asked questions of staff regarding their department requests.

Alex Babbitt with Carolina Trash & Septic presented a proposal for adding yard waste and bulk pickup services to the Town's current trash and recycling contract. The Board asked questions regarding costs and frequency of collection.

Other topics discussed during the workshop included notifying residents of changes to solid waste services, ordering new meters, the SCADA contract, irrigation meters, security cameras to protect tools and the Town's July 4th event.

ADJOURNMENT

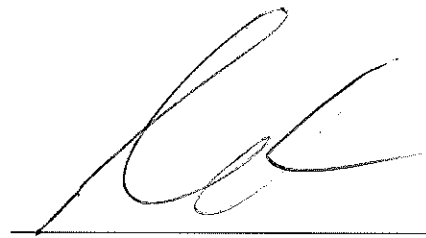
Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert called for a motion to adjourn.

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.
MOTION BY: Commissioner Marc Powell
SECOND BY: Commissioner Todd Pope
APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

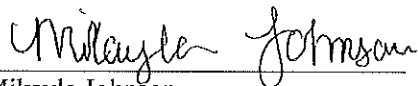
The attached documents of reference are incorporated herewith and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

Minutes prepared by Town Manager Barbara Hollerand



Chris Coats
Mayor

ATTEST:


Mikayla Johnson
Interim Town Clerk