

Town of Atkinson
Regular Monthly Meeting

February 5, 2026 – 7:00 PM

Honorable Mayor Gary Alsup, Mayor Pro Tempore Bryan Stewart, Commissioner Denise Lewis

Commissioner Penny Stith, Commissioner Ramos

Town Clerk, Becky Lanier

Town Attorney Robert Kenan

Attendance:

Honorable Mayor Gary Alsup

Mayor Pro-Tempore Bryan Stewart

Commissioner Denise Lewis

Commissioner Penny Stith

Commissioner Ray Ramos

Town Clerk/Finance Officer Becky Lanier

Town Attorney Robert Kenan

- 1. Mayor Gary Alsup called the 2/05/2026 Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm**
- 2. Mayor Gary Alsup led the prayer.**
- 3. Commissioner Denise Lewis led the Pledge of Allegiance.**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
 - **1/8/2026 Regular Meeting: Motion to approve January 8, 2026, minutes was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Motion carried 4-0**
- 5. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**
 - **Motion to accept the agenda with changes was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Ramos. Motion carried 4-0**
- 6. Jessica Hudson: Pender County Tax**
 - **Jessica Hudson, along with Ryan Vincent of Vincent Valuations, presented to the board of commissioners the 2026 Pender County Reappraisal slide show.**

7. Public Comment:

- Not Currently.

8. Public Information:

- Not currently.

9. Financial/Clerk Report: (Becky Lanier, Town Clerk)

- Not currently.

10. Old Business:

- Cafeteria:
- Commissioner Stith presented pictures of the Wallace Community Center, which Hatcher Construction renovated. Town Inspector Hesse, Shott Woehr, and Commissioner Stith toured the building and grounds. There is 85,000.00 in the budget for the next phase of the renovation. Commissioner Stith will look into possibly getting a loan to complete the project.
- Sewer:
 - The feasibility study should be completed by the end of June or early July.

11. New Business:

- Not currently.

12. Inspections Department: (Inspector Louis Hesse)

- No updates currently. The permit department is quiet. Mr. Hesse informed the board that he sometimes travels the town nightly.
- Inspector Hesse and Fire Marshall Retherford are working together on some things.

13. Planning Director:

- Sam Shore turned in his letter of resignation as planning director. Sam has recommended that we call Daniel Adams.
- UDO Update: Sam Shore will stay on until the UDO is finalized.

14. Fire Department: (Fire Chief Doyle Retherford)

- See attachment.
- Moore's Creek National Battleground 250th celebration is the weekend of the 27th. We will be selling food and T-shirts.
- Standard Operating Policy: moved to next month for approval.

15. Parks and Recreation: (Denise Lewis)

- Open Gym: Commissioner Lewis presented to the board that she has had some inquiries about opening the gym on some Sundays. Commissioner Lewis suggested that we open once a month to start with and see how things go.
- Motion to open the Gym once a month with supervision by a town official was made by Commissioner Stith, seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Motion Carried 4-0

16. Library Report: (Commissioner Penny Stith)

- Atkinson Library Monthly Report

17. Maintenance Report: (Commissioner Bryan Stewart)

- Monthly Water Report

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Stewart. Motion Carried 4-0. Meeting ended at 8:45 pm