Town of Newton Grove

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

February 9, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Newton Grove was held on January 12, 2026.

Present: Mayor Craig Warren, Mayor Pro-Tem Chris Raynor, Commissioner, Commissioner Bartley Warren, Commissioner George Schwartz, Commissioner Alan Herring, and Commissioner Cody Smith

Staff Present: Town Clerk Amanda Baggett, Deputy Clerk Dana Ellington, and Legal Lew Starling

1. **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance and opening prayer.**
3. **Clerk Baggett Presentation.** Clerk Baggett presented an 80-page PowerPoint presentation to show facts about the Town and NGFD.
4. **Financial Review.** Upon motion by Commissioner Cody Smith, seconded by Commissioner George Schwartz, and passed by unanimous vote, the financial review was approved.
5. **Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley Warren seconded by Commissioner Cody Smith, and passed by unanimous vote, the minutes for January 12, 2026 were approved.
6. **Public Comment.** No Comment.
7. **Departmental Reports.**

   A. **Street Department – Commissioner Chris Raynor.** Commissioner Raynor reported trash pickup the last few weeks have been delayed due to weather. As soon as weather permits, potholes around town will be repaired.

   B. **Police Department – Commissioner Alan Herring.** Commissioner Herring thanked Alex Ward and the Sampson County Sheriff's office for their help.

   C. **Buildings & Grounds – George Schwartz.** Commissioner Schwartz reported no issues.

   D. **Public Works Department and Zoning – Commissioner Cody Smith.** Commissioner Smith reported we are waiting for approval for the electrical upgrades at the WWTP.

We have received an NOV due to problems with the aerator system. The SCADA system is ready.

E. Parks & Special Projects – Commissioner Bartley Warren. Commissioner Warren reported that parks and rec will be getting new flags for the park.

8. **Mayor Comments**. Mayor Warren reported that we will be working on our 26-27 budget and our contract with the fire department.

9. **Closed Session.** Upon motion by Commissioner Alan Herring, seconded by Commissioner Bartley Warren, and passed unanimously, the board went into closed session.

10. **Open Session.** Upon motion by Commissioner Chris Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Alan Herring, and passed unanimously, the board went back into open session.

11. **Adjournment.**

TOWN OF NEWTON GROVE

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Craig Warren, Mayor ATTEST:

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Amanda Baggett, Town Clerk

GL Account	Balance
10-1010-0101 General Fund Cash	$815,087.80
11-1010-0101 ABC Contributions	$38,554.00
20-1010-0101 Water Fund Cash	$286,806.69
30-1010-0101 Powell Bill Cash	$87,326.96
	$1,227,775.45

NC MUTUAL TRUST ACCOUNTS

GENERAL $524,645.29

W/S $277,350.02

STREETS $ 62,872.35