

Town of Newton Grove

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

May 12, 2025

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Newton Grove was held on May 12, 2025.

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, Police Chief Greg Warren, 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. **Financial Review.** Upon motion by Commissioner Chris Raynor, seconded by Commissioner George Schwartz, and passed by unanimous vote, the financial review was approved.
4. **Approval of Minutes.** Upon motion by Commissioner Alan Herring, seconded by Commissioner George Schwartz, and passed by unanimous vote, the minutes for April 14, 2025 were approved. Upon motion by Commissioner Bartely Warren, seconded by Commissioner Cody Smith, and passed unanimously, the minutes for April 28, 2025.
5. **2024-2025 Budget Amendments.** Upon motion by Commissioner Cody Smith, seconded by Commissioner Bartley Warren, and passed unanimously, the 2024-2025 Budget Amendments were approved.
6. **2025-2026 Budget.** Town Clerk Amanda Baggett announced that the proposed 2025-2026 Budget is on the website.
7. **Public Hearing ZA-25-01.** Upon motion by Commissioner Alan Herring, seconded by Commissioner Cody Smith, and passed unanimously, the public hearing was opened. Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley Warren, seconded by Commissioner George Schwartz, and passed unanimously, the public hearing was closed. Upon motion by Commissioner Bartley Warren, seconded by Commissioner Chris Raynor, and passed unanimously, ZA-25-01 Chapter 113 Peddling and Soliciting, was approved.

8. Newton Grove Fire Department Contract. Mayor Warren presented the board the proposed contract for NGFD. Upon motion by Commissioner Chris Raynor, seconded by Commissioner Bartley Warren, and passed unanimously, the contract was approved.

9. Public Comment. No comment.

10. Departmental Reports.

A. Street Department – Commissioner Chris Raynor. Commissioner Raynor reported no issues with trash. DOT is almost finished at the circle. They have finished the project on Watershed Rd. Still trying to find someone to do some street paving for the town.

B. Police Department – Commissioner Alan Herring. Commissioner Herring reported no issues. We are working on a grant for the police department. Our new body cameras are in. Sampson County is scheduled to fill in shifts.

C. Buildings & Grounds – George Schwartz. Commissioner Schwartz reported that the gutters at the library need to be cleaned out. We will be getting the lift to get this taken care of.

D. Public Works Department and Zoning – Commissioner Cody Smith. Commissioner Smith reported we have completed 3 new water taps for homes. We are requesting funds to help us with electrical work at WWTP. Trying to complete what needs to be done for the SCADA system. Two control panels and pump upgrades will be completed. Clerk Baggett updated that we are working on a fee schedule for zoning violations. We have several people who are repeat offenders.

E. Parks & Special Projects – Commissioner Bartley Warren. Commissioner Warren reported that movie night is Saturday, May 17th at 8 and the senior parade is Sunday, May 18th at 3.

11. Adjournment.

TOWN OF NEWTON GROVE

Craig Warren, Mayor ATTEST:

Amanda Baggett, Town Clerk