

Town of Newton Grove

Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

July 13, 2026

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Newton Grove was held on July 13, 2026.

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

Absent: Commissioner Alan Herring

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. **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 Bartley Warren, seconded by Commissioner Cody Smith, and passed by unanimous vote, the minutes for June 8, 2026 were approved. Upon motion by Commissioner Cody Smith, seconded by Commissioner George Schwartz, and passed unanimously, the minutes for June 30, 2026 were approved.
5. **Public Comment.** Sheila Ingram commented and asked the town to repair the sidewalk in front of the library. Quenita Lee announced a back to school event on August 8, 2026 from 10am-2pm. Lela Beasley stated there was a discrepancy in the budget amendment the board approved at the last meeting then what was published in the paper. Denise Norris wanted to speak to Glenn Holland. She also asked about the zoning board.
6. **Town Comments.** See attached.
7. **Departmental Reports.**

Street Department – Commissioner Chris Raynor. Commissioner Raynor wanted to thank everyone for their support while he was in the hospital. He reported no issues with trash. Make sure you put trash can out on Wednesday night. A lot of potholes have been repaired. We will start doing some mowing on town streets soon.

Police Department – Commissioner Alan Herring. Mayor Warren reported no issues with the Sheriff's Department. We have had several positive comments from the public.

Buildings & Grounds – George Schwartz. Commissioner Schwartz reported no issues. We will be replacing three frost free spigots at the WWTP.

Public Works Department and Zoning – Commissioner Cody Smith. Commissioner Smith reported that we as a community need to conserve water due to the daily temperatures. This can also add air in the lines. If your water seems a little "milky" just let it sit for a minute. That is just air.

Parks & Special Projects – Commissioner Bartley Warren. Commissioner Warren thanked everyone for their help at the Independence celebration.

8. Mayor Comments. Mayor Warren commented about the many water main breaks lately. These are being done by private contractors. We are sending them bills for the repairs.

9. Adjournment.

TOWN OF NEWTON GROVE

Craig Warren, Mayor ATTEST:

Amanda Baggett, Town Clerk

GL Account	Balance
10-1010-0101 General Fund Cash	\$664,104.97
11-1010-0101 ABC Contributions	\$38,554.00
20-1010-0101 Water Fund Cash	\$353,793.16
30-1010-0101 Powell Bill Cash	\$87,326.96
	\$1,143,779.09

NC CAPITAL MANAGEMENT TRUST

GENERAL \$530,894.75

W/S \$280,653.74

STREETS \$ 63,621.28

TOWN COMMENTS 7/13/2026

1. THE STATE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE CORRECTED THE TITLE OF THE CLERK ON THE LETTER INFORMING US THAT THE TOWN OF NEWTON GROVE IS NOT A SEPARATE ENTITY OF SAMPSON COUNTY.

2. ALTHOUGH IT IS YOUR RIGHT TO VIDEO AND/OR RECORD THE BOARD MEETINGS, PLEASE REFRAIN FROM POINTING IT DIRECTLY AT ONE SPECIFIC PERSON, FOR EXAMPLE THE TOWN CLERK.