

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SESSION OF HAWKINS COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 18, 2026 AT 6:00 P.M.**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: 12
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: 2

MARK DEWITTE, MAYOR	DANNY ALVIS (A)	JASON ROACH
SYBLE VAUGHAN TRENT	CHARLES THACKER	LARRY CLONCE
JOHN GIBSON	JOSH GILLIAM	NANCY BARKER
JEFF BARRETT (A)	CHAD BRITTON	ROBBIE PALMER
TOM KERN	GLEND A DAVIS	BOBBY JINKS

PUBLIC COMMENTS – ON FILE IN THE COUNTY CLERK’S OFFICE

COMMENDATIONS/RECOGNITIONS - NONE

OFFICE REPORTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS – (FILED IN THE COUNTY CLERKS OFFICE)

--HAWKINS COUNTY TRUSTEE FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR:
07/01/2025 - 09/30/2025, 10/01/25, 12/31/2025 & 01/01/2026 – 03/31/2026

MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2026 COMMISSION MEETING WERE APPROVED – 12 YES, 2 ABSENT
*MOTION BY CHAD BRITTON, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM

MINUTES OF APRIL 27, EXECUTIVE SESSION WERE APPROVED – 12 YES, 2 ABSENT
*MOTION BY CHARLES THACKER, SECOND BY ROBBIE PALMER

RESOLUTIONS 2026/05:

2026/05/01 APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH HOLSTON CONNECT, LLC AND
AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY MAYOR TO EXECUTE THE SAME
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOSH GILLIAM

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2026/05/02 AUTHORIZING HAWKINS COUNTY TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT, IF GRANTED, A THDA
GRANT FOR 2026 HOME FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$750,000 WITH NO
MATCH REQUIRED
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2026/05/03 APPROVAL TO RETAIN THE SOUTHERN ENVIROMENTAL LAW CENTER AS CO-COUNCIL
WITH OUR INSURANCE COMPANY’S ATTORNEY TO DEFEND, PRO BONO, THE LAWSUIT
FILED AGAINST HAWKINS COUNTY BY EXOTICRIDGE LLC
*MOTION BY ROBBIE PALMER, SECOND BY TOM KERN

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2026/05/04 APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN ETSU AND HAWKINS COUNTY FORENSIC SERVICES SERVICES

MOTION TO PULL RESOLUTION 2026/05/04 WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER BARKER

2026/05/05 APPROVAL OF AMBULANCE LIEN RELEASE
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2026/05/06 AMENDMENT OF JUNE 30, 2025 ESTIMATED FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES ON APPROVED 2025-26 FY BUDGETS
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2026/05/07 AMENDMENT OF JUNE 30, 2025 ESTIMATED FUND BALANCES AND RESERVES ON APPROVED 2025-26 FY BUDGETS
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, DAVIS, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSTAIN: ROACH

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 11 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 2

2026/05/08 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL FUND
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSTAIN: BRITTON

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 11 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 2

2026/05/09 BUDGET AMENDMENT – HIGHWAY FUND
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY CHARLES THACKER

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2026/05/10 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND
*MOTION BY JASON ROACH, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

MOTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 2026/05/10 – INCREASE PROPOSED BUDGET AMENDMENT
FROM 24,972.00 TO 28,650.00 DUE TO INCREASE FROM ORIGINAL BID TO SECOND BID
*MOTION BY NANCY BARKER, SECOND BY JASON ROACH

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

VOTE OF RESOLUTION 2026/05/10 – AS AMENDED

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2026/05/11 BUDGET AMENDMENT – GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY JOHN GIBSON

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON
DAVIS, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, DAVIS

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

2026/05/12 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT
*MOTION BY JOSH GILLIAM, SECOND BY CHAD BRITTON

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
DAVIS, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSTAIN: ROACH

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 11 NO 0 ABSTAIN 1 ABSENT 2

2026/05/13 APPROVAL OF NOTARIES PUBLIC
*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY TOM KERN

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, THACKER, GILLIAM, BRITTON,
ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR OUT OF ORDER RESOLUTION 2026/05/0
*MOTION BY JOHN GIBSON, SECOND BY NANCY BARKER

YES: TRENT, GIBSON, KERN, BARRETT, THACKER, GILLIAM,
BRITTON, ROACH, CLONCE, BARKER, PALMER, JINKS

ABSENT: ALVIS, BARRETT

APPROVED BY ROLL CALL YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0 ABSENT 2

