

TOWN OF COATS
Board of Commissioners
Thursday, June 11, 2026
Reconvened Monday, June 29, 2026

The Town of Coats Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners' Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

Members Present:

Mayor Chris Coats
Mayor Pro Tem Kelvin Gilbert
Commissioner Marc Powell
Commissioner Shirley Allen
Commissioner Monique Warren-Clegg
Commissioner Todd Pope

Staff Present:

Barbara Hollerand, Town Manager
Wesley Blount, Public Works Director
Sarah Goldsmith, Parks and Recreation Director
Mikayla Johnson, Interim Town Clerk

Others Present: Al Bain, Town Attorney

CALL TO ORDER

A quorum being present, Mayor Chris Coats called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Coats delivered the invocation and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Coats called for a motion to approve the amended agenda by adding several business items: Item 3, Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant to the Town of Coats; Item 4, Grant Project Ordinance for the Town of Coats 2025-2026 NC Amateur Sports Budget Amendment 2026-20; Item 5, Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant to the Town of Coats from Major League Soccer, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the RCX Sports Foundation; Item 6, Grant Project Ordinance for the Town of Coats Major League Soccer, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the RCX Sports Foundation Budget Amendment 2026-21; Item 7, Budget Amendment Ordinance Police Shift Coverage/Off Duty Officers Budget Amendment 2026-18.

RESOLVED, to approve the amended agenda.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Allen

SECOND BY: Commissioner Clegg

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes – May 14, 2026
2. Approval of Attorney Bill for Services Rendered April 1-30, 2026

3. Approval of Attorney Bill for Services Rendered May 1-31, 2026
4. Request Approval of Annual Agreement with Harnett County for Computer Support Services
5. Request Approval of Agreement for Hourly On-Call Services from N-Focus

RESOLVED, to approve the consent agenda.

MOTION BY: Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert

SECOND BY: Commissioner Powell

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Susan and Kenneth Baker, 204 E. South Street, discussed their desire to purchase a fifty-foot right-of-way on their property owned by the Town of Coats. They discussed wanting to build a duplex behind their home, and the land surveyor mentioned that the right-of-way would help with density. They mentioned revenue that a duplex would bring the Town of Coats.

Sharon Stevens, 3701 Abattoir Road, gave an update on the Friends of Coats Beautification Committee, saying they had filed for a 501C3, had a Board of Directors in place and had their first meeting, and had raised \$3,000 in donations and mentioned future endeavors to raise money, such as a basket at the July 4 Event.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Public Hearing for FY 2026-2027 Budget and Fee Schedule

Ms. Hollerand discussed the potential moratorium being put in place that would prevent the re-evaluation from going through and being part of the budget. She said at the last meeting the Board direction was to leave the tax rate at \$.49 and pull the difference needed from fund balance, and the ad had been posted for the draft budget. She said the moratorium had been passed and gave several options for the budget. She mentioned a new bill 474 that would essentially remove the Town from the moratorium. Ms. Hollerand mentioned checking with other towns, most were scheduled to adopt their budgets around the 29th or 30th. Mr. Bain commented that the recommended action from the school of government was to recess and differ action.

Mayor Coats opened the Public Hearing.

Sharon Stevens, 3701 Abattoir Road, referred to the Spring time when she originally requested \$2,500 towards Christmas lights. She explained she didn't see a line item for Christmas lights and she would like a specific line item for it rather than having the funds in the contingency.

Ms. Hollerand commented that she had zeroed out the contingency fund and created a specific "Holiday Decorations" line item.

RESOLVED, to recess meeting to June 29, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Powell

SECOND BY: Commissioner Allen

APPROVED: Ayes (4) Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Allen, Commissioner Pope, Commissioner Clegg, Noes (1) Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert

2. Adoption of FY 2026-2027 Budget and Fee Schedule

Matter recessed until Monday, June 29, 2026.

3. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant to the Town of Coats

Ms. Goldsmith explained a few months ago a \$2,500 grant was received for fall soccer and needed to be put in it's own fund to ensure it was accessible for the next fiscal year; as well as the new grant that was received.

RESOLVED, authorize acceptance of the grant.

MOTION BY: Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert

SECOND BY: Commissioner Allen

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

4. Grant Project Ordinance for the Town of Coats 2025-2026 NC Amateur Sports Budget Amendment 2026-20

RESOLVED, accept budget amendment.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Powell

SECOND BY: Commissioner Allen

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

5. Resolution Authorizing Acceptance of a Grant to the Town of Coats from Major League Soccer, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the RCX Sports Foundation

RESOLVED, authorize acceptance of grant.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Pope

SECOND BY: Commissioner Clegg

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

6. Grant Project Ordinance for the Town of Coats Major League Soccer, the National Recreation and Park Association, and the RCX Sports Foundation Budget Amendment 2026-21

RESOLVED, accept budget amendment.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Allen

SECOND BY: Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

7. Budget Amendment Ordinance Police Shift Coverage/Off Duty Officers Budget Amendment 2026-18

Ms. Hollerand explained the item was in preparation for when invoices were received for the deputies covering day shift.

RESOLVED, accept budget amendment.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Powell

SECOND BY: Commissioner Allen

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

MANAGER UPDATE

Ms. Hollerand touched on the Downtown Project saying it was on track to be completed by July 4. She also discussed CAMPO representatives coming June 30 at 1:30 p.m. to meet with Commissioners.

Mayor Pro Tem asked if department heads wanted to come up and speak on specific updates.

Ms. Goldsmith discussed updates to the park that had been posted on Facebook and grants. Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert mentioned his desire to see Football in Coats. Ms. Goldsmith explained it would be difficult to do without more space as the fields are used for fall soccer.

Mr. Blount discussed an increase in illegal dumping and to please notify him if Commissioners see that, especially on Robert Eason Drive and Delma Grimes Road.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Pope mentioned a side mower that he saw and he was very impressed, although he knew it was an expensive purchase. Ms. Hollerand explained that was the only capital item still “in play” with the idea that it could be financed. Mr. Blount agreed that financing would help versus purchasing. Commissioner Pope mentioned the Lyons Club interest in placing four signs around town. There was discussion in making sure signs were out that said “Welcome to Coats” as a priority. Commissioner Allen asked Ms. Hollerand to ask Finance Department to look into a cemetery fund account that had \$40,000 in it that had not been drawing interest.

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO § 143-318.11 (6)

Mayor Coats called for a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to §143-318.11 (6).

RESOLVED, to enter into closed session.

MOTION BY: Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert

SECOND BY: Commissioner Clegg

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

Board of Commissioners reconvened in open session at 8:36 p.m.

RESOLVED, to recess meeting to June 29, 2026 at 7:00 pm.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Powell

SECOND BY: Commissioner Allen

APPROVED: Ayes (4) Commissioner Powell, Commissioner Pope, Commissioner Clegg, Commissioner Allen, Noes (1) Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert

Upon said motion, the Board recessed the June 11 meeting until June 29 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board of Commissioners’ Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

**Reconvened Session
Monday, June 29, 2026**

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Mayor Pro Tem Kelvin Gilbert
Commissioner Marc Powell
Commissioner Shirley Allen
Commissioner Monique Warren-Clegg
Commissioner Todd Pope

Staff Present:

Barbara Hollerand, Town Manager
Wesley Blount, Public Works Director
Mikayla Johnson, Deputy Town Clerk
Sarah Goldsmith, Parks and Recreation Director
Jade Stone, Town Clerk

Others Present: Al Bain, Town Attorney

The recessed meeting of June 11, 2026, was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. on June 29th by Mayor Coats in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room at Coats Town Hall.

CONTINUATION OF BUSINESS ITEM

A public hearing was held for FY2026-2027 Budget and Fee Schedule on June 11, 2026. The matter was recessed due to pending state legislation which could affect the proposed budget. Ms. Hollerand informed the board that said legislation is still pending. Two proposed budgets were prepared – one reflecting a budget with the re-evaluation of property taxes and the other without. At recommendation of the Town Attorney, an interim budget for July – August 2026 was also prepared and presented to the board. Mr. Bain advised this would allow additional time for the board to determine the status of state bill 474 and its impact on local budgets.

RESOLVED, to adopt interim budget.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Allen

SECOND BY: Commissioner Powell

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO § 143-318.11 (6)

Mayor Coats called for a motion to enter into closed session pursuant to §143-318.11 (6).

RESOLVED, to go into closed session.

MOTION BY: Mayor Pro Tem Gilbert

SECOND BY: Commissioner Pope

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

Board of Commissioners reconvened in open session at 9:37 p.m.

There being no further business, Mayor Coats called for a motion to adjourn.

RESOLVED, to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION BY: Commissioner Powell

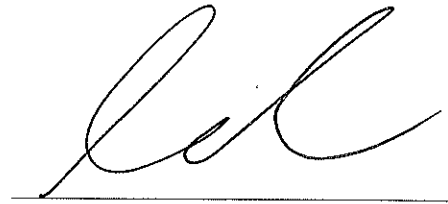
SECOND BY: Commissioner Allen

APPROVED: Unanimously Approved

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

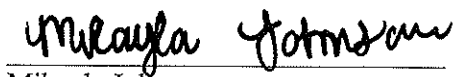
The attached documents of reference are incorporated herewith and are hereby made a part of these minutes.

Minutes prepared by Deputy Town Clerk Johnson.

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Chris Coats
Mayor

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mikayla Johnson', written over a horizontal line.

Mikayla Johnson
Deputy Town Clerk

**TOWN OF COATS
INTERIM BUDGET SUMMARY
JULY AND AUGUST 2026**

REVENUE – ALL FUNDS

General Fund – Fund Balance Available	\$381,139
Water Fund – Fund Balance Available	\$129,953

Total Projected Revenues: **\$511,092**

The following amounts are hereby appropriated for the indicated funds for the two-month period ending Aug. 31, 2026:

APPROPRIATIONS – ALL FUNDS

General Fund Appropriations

Governing Board	\$14,530
General Management	\$63,554
Police/Public Safety	\$123,484
School Resource Officer	\$11,200
Streets	\$29,408
Appearance/General	\$3,000
Solid Waste	\$65,833
Planning/Zoning	\$25,483
Parks and Recreation	\$44,647

Total General Fund Appropriations: **\$381,139**

Water Fund Appropriations

Operations	\$89,953
Purchased Water	\$40,000

Total Water Fund Appropriations: **\$129,953**

Total Appropriations: **\$511,092**

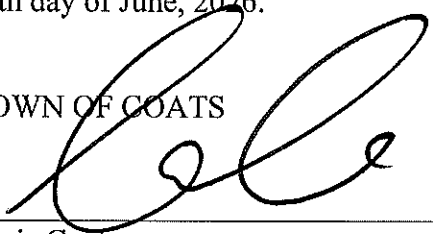
The Budget Officer is hereby authorized to move appropriations and funds as follows:

- Appropriations may be moved between line items within a department without limitation except that salaries and/or benefits may not be changed.
- Appropriations of less than \$5,000 may be moved between departments without prior Board approval, but must be reported at the next Board meeting after the funds are moved.

Copies of this interim budget shall be supplied to the Clerk, the Town Board, the Budget Officer and the Finance Officer for their use in directing the disbursement of funds.

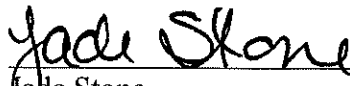
Adopted by the Coats Board of Commissioners this 29th day of June, 2026.

TOWN OF COATS



Chris Coats
Mayor

ATTEST:



Jade Stone
Town Clerk