



# ***TOWN OF VANCEBORO***

## **BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING**

*Held their regular monthly meeting on  
April 6, 2026 at 7:00 PM  
in the Jimmie L. Morris Boardroom*

- I. Call to order by **Mayor Chad Braxton**.
- II. Roll call **Those Present: Mayor Chad Braxton, Alderman Steve Belrose, Alderman Russell Ipock, Alderman Thad Jones, Alderman Hud Jordan, and Alderman Todd McMillen**.
- III. Invocation by **Alderman McMillen**.
- IV. Pledge of Allegiance.
- V. Approval of minutes from last meeting. **Alderman Belrose made a motion to approve minutes as corrected. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VI. Approval of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. **Alderman Jones made a motion to pay bills. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 5-0.**
- VII. Public Comment.  
  
**No Comments.**
- VIII. Line Worker Appreciation Day - Proclamation. **Mayor Chad Braxton read the proclamation professing April 18, 2026, as Line Worker Appreciation Day in Vanceboro. Mayor Braxton thanked all the linemen for their work and dedication, including his future son-in-law Hunter Jones, which was present at the meeting that night.**
- IX. Rivers & Associates – Resolution for Wastewater Collection System Rehabilitation. **Mr. Seth Anderson was at the meeting to answer any questions regarding the Wastewater Rehab Grant that the Town is applying for.**

**Alderman Ipock made a motion to adopt the resolution for the Wastewater Collection system Rehabilitation Grant. Motion was seconded by Alderman Belrose and carried. Vote 5-0.**

**X. NCDOT. The crosswalk at the stop light has been approved and will be fully funded. According to Lane Ward, Senior Assistant Division Traffic Engineer with NCDOT Division 2, they investigated safety and operation concerns at the intersection of Main Street and Streets Ferry Road. There were only three wrecks reported at this intersection and at this time it does not warrant a traffic signal.**

**XI. Craven County Metropolitan Planning Organization. Mrs. Abigale McClay was present to answer any questions regarding the resolution to support the move forward with Craven County Metropolitan Planning Organization.**

**Alderman Ipock made a motion to adopt the resolution with Craven County MPO. Motion was seconded by Alderman Jordan and carried. Vote 5-0.**

**XII. Down East Rural Planning – Termination Letter. Alderman Jordan made a motion to terminate our participation with the Down East Rural Planning Organization. Motion was seconded by Alderman McMillen and carried. Vote 5-0.**

**XIII. Police Report was presented by Chief Wise. We have received several complaints about juveniles out after curfew. We have met with the manager and some residents living at Oaks Apartments regarding this matter. We have had several wrecks in town this month. We assisted with a Craven County Governor Highway checkpoint on March 28<sup>th</sup>. We are preparing for the strawberry festival, with road closing and security at the festival. I met with the school officials and the SRO regarding juvenile issues.**

**XIV. Mayor's Reports. Hope everyone had a great Easter with family and friends. Birthdays this month include Brittany Mumford, David Wise and Nicholas Crosby. Our hearts and prayers go out to the families of Vera Raines, Dickie Crawford, Harry Ipock and Lou Powell's brother. April 28<sup>th</sup> will be our first budget workshop for the Town; meal will be provided. The next board meeting will be held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Next recycling pickup will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Vanceboro Strawberry Festival will be May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. The next strawberry festival meeting will be held tomorrow at 5:30 p.m. We are still looking for volunteers. The strawberry festival banners are up in town. Our State Magazine will be doing an interview with Mrs. Linda Thomas about the Farm Life School. It will be in the August addition of the magazine. The City of New Bern will be sweeping the streets throughout town before the strawberry festival. The lean-to-shelter was placed at the Water Plant on Farm Life Avenue. Harvest Beam is moving forward in placing internet in areas around Vanceboro that doesn't get great coverage. We have about a dozen properties available for sale in town. The Richard W. Bowers Park sign has been replaced and looks great. Grass mowing season is upon us; I encourage you to keep your grass cut. I met with Scottie Wilkins, with USG, he will be getting maintenance contract**

together for our water tanks in town. We have been unable to connect with Turnage Construction regarding the ditch mowing in town.

XV. Alderman Reports.

Alderman Jordan thanked Vernon Edwards for weed eating the park. There are campers on Buck Lane that are hooked up to water, we need to check on these.

Alderman Belrose stated there was several campers popping up around town.

Alderman Ipock stated that the Rotary Club would be selling barbeque at the strawberry festival.

Alderman Jones had no comment.

Alderman McMillen stated that Chris Edwards would be working on the grill this week. Landscaping at the park has been completed and looks great. The basketball court has been cleaned up and the lines fixed. Will follow up with Coastal Fence for quote on fence for the dog park on Farm Life Avenue.


Mayor Braxton stated that we received \$1,555.39 from Debt Setoff this month. Craven County gave the Town \$5,000 for park maintenance this year. We were able to stripe the basketball court, add two rockers to the park, purchased a grill, and landscaping with the generous donation.

XVI. Recognition of plaques for heroic action. Chief Wise recognized Mayor Braxton, Perry Morris, and John Marshall for their heroic action in saving the life of Mike Kite on February 11, 2026. They worked diligently for twenty minutes and saved his life that day in Kite's Supermarket.

XVII. There being no further business we dismissed at 7:47 p.m.

I hereby certify that the above is true and accurate record of said minutes.

  
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CHAD E. BRAXTON  
MAYOR

  
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BEVERLY W. DRAKE  
TOWN CLERK