



**TOWN OF HOLDEN BEACH
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.**

The Board of Commissioners of the Town of Holden Beach, North Carolina met for a Special Meeting on Thursday, June 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mayor J. Alan Holden; Mayor Pro Tem Page Dyer; Commissioners Sylvia Pate, Keith Smith, Tom Myers and Robert Brown; Town Manager Bryan Chadwick; Town Clerk Heather Finnell; Assistant Town Manager Christy Ferguson; Finance Director Daniel McRainey; Inspections Director Tim Evans; Public Works Director Chris Benton; Police Chief Steve Barger; and Lieutenant Frank Dilworth.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Carlton Pittman liked the format of the budget message. He asked the Board to allocate an additional 1% to the proposed COLA for staff.

BUDGET WORKSHOP

Town Manager Chadwick went over the budget calendar and the Board's goals. The proposed budget is \$33,766,210 for all funds. It accounts for the part-time officer program discussed at the May meeting. We are hoping for consensus to move forward in June. The current budget can accommodate that. The budget also takes into account a reduction in parking revenue predicated on the Board's previous discussion of wanting to give two free months. A \$3.50 increase on the water base rate was also included.

Finance Director McRainey provided detailed information on the Water & Sewer Fund, the water & sewer capital charge fee and capital reserve funds. The Board discussed the information.

The consensus of the Board is it is okay to move forward with the police limited-service program. Chief Barger provided information on the process for hiring.

Town Manager Chadwick explained the proposed budget accommodates not charging for parking for two months. The Board would like to look at November – January 2nd as the free months. Staff will need to look at the contract and it will be discussed at a future meeting.

Staff is making plans on moving forward with the canal dredging project.

The \$1.2 million the county is holding for the Central Reach Project was discussed. The Town will be making the final payment. At that point, the \$1.2 million will be returned to the Town. Commissioner Myers suggested putting it into the proposed budget. Town Manager Chadwick said the Board would need to decide where to account for it within the budget. How the occupancy tax regulations would affect the \$1.2 million and where it would be recognized in the budget was discussed.

The balance on the improvements for Block Q, the debt for the Holden Beach fishing pier, funds for storm cleanup and 441 Professional Services were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Commissioner Smith to adjourn at 6:44 p.m.; second by Commissioner Pate; approved by unanimous vote.

J. Alan Holden, Mayor

ATTEST:

Heather Finnell, Town Clerk