NEW HAVEN BOARD OF COMMISSIONER MEETING
302 CENTER STREET, NEW HAVEN, KY 40051
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026

Present were the following: Mayor Linda Mattingly, Commissioner Lois Boley, Commissioner Fred DeWitt, Commissioner Dooley Mattingly and Commissioner Ruth Faulkner

Also present were the following: Anthony Morley, Katelyn Norris, David Nalley, Jamie Bryan, Don Cecil, Joe Mattingly, Bruce Rust, Guyula Johnson, Freddy DeWitt, Amber Hellard, Judge Hutchins and Joanie Corbin

The **meeting was called to order** at 5:00 PM.

The **Meeting Minutes of the September 1, 2026** were approved on motion of Commissioner Boley and second by Commissioner Mattingly. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

The **Financial Reports** were accepted on motion by Commissioner DeWitt and second by Commissioner Boley. All voted in favor. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Amber Hellard asked the board to reconsider the **"Rolling in to Wednesday" food trucks**. She asked that the board only allow coffee and dessert trucks. After a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the board was to continue with the food trucks as long as the community is interested in them.

David & Michelle Varney addressed the board about the **drainage issue** that they say has been going on for many years. Michelle stated that the water from Maxie Court causes drainage problems for houses on Maxie Court and Park Avenue. Her house being one of the houses affected. Consensus of the board was to ask the county engineer to come and access the drainage issue and to give us a recommendation. Mayor Mattingly invited Daivd and Michelle to the October meeting. The city hopes to have more information at that time.

Mayor Mattingly announced that the City of New Haven received an **$80,000 TAP Grant** to perform a feasibility study and to get a design for sidewalks on North Main Street. The city will be responsible for 20% of the grant. She informed everyone that it will be a slow process, but that it is a start in possibly installing sidewalks in the future.

Administration

David Nalley reported that the **2026 Rolling Fork Iron Horse Festival** was once again a success. The attendance was down a bit, but everything went very well. He thanked everyone involved with the festival for their hard work.

Mayor Mattingly thanked the Rolling Fork Iron Horse Festival directors (DeDe Cox, Nicole Noel & Kim Ball) for organizing a collection of food for the Blessing Box. They donated close to 500 items to support the mission in helping people when they are in need.

Joanie read the **2nd reading of Ordinance # 542 – Series 2026, which sets the property tax rate** for the 2026 tax season. Mayor Mattingly made a motion to approve Ordinance # 542 – Series 2026. Resolution 2026-2. Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion.
Roll Call –
Commissioner Faulkner – aye, Commissioner Mattingly – aye, Mayor Mattingly – aye, Commissioner Boley – aye, Commissioner DeWitt – aye All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Joanie read the **2nd reading of Ordinance # 543 – Series 2026, which amends the FY27 budget**. Commissioner DeWitt made a motion to approve Ordinance # 543 – Series 2026. Commissioner Mattingly seconded the motion.
Roll Call –
Commissioner Faulkner – aye, Commissioner Mattingly – aye, Mayor Mattingly – aye, Commissioner Boley – aye, Commissioner DeWitt – aye All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Joanie read **Resolution 2026-2 – Closing of ISTEA Checking Account**. Commissioner Mattingly made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-2. Commissioner Faulkner seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Judge Hutchins addressed the board stating the following.
-Nelson County Fiscal Court will be donating $5,000 towards the construction of the pavilion at Simms Park.
-He wanted to confirm that the city was happy with the service that was being provided by the Nelson County Landfill.

Police
Commissioner Mattingly and Anthony Morley stated that they had **concerns with the speeders** on North Main Street. Deputy Allison will address this issue.

Sewer
Jamie reported that there are currently **3 aerators at the lagoon** out of commission at the lagoon. He stated that the new aerator has been delivered and he has the parts to fix one more.

Jamie asked the board if they wanted to purchase a **back up pump for the Abbey of Gethsemani** lift station. He stated that we have back up pumps for the 3 other lift stations. The price for a **10hp pump** is $14,500. Commissioner Faulkner made a motion to purchase the pump. Commissioner Boley seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

Street Department
South First Street will be paved after the ground settles for several months. The city will keep rock in it until that time.

Recreation Department

Jamie informed the board that the county employees weren't able to get to the sand in the **volleyball court** yet, but they did say they would help us with this project when they get some free time.

Adjournment

Commissioner Faulkner moved for **adjournment** and Commissioner Boley seconded. All voted in favor. Motion carried.

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Mayor Mattingly

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Attest: City Clerk/Treasurer Joanie Corbin