

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 16, 2026
5:00 PM**



**Bryant H. Womack
Justice & Administration
Building
40 Courthouse Street
Columbus, NC 28722**

1. Public Hearing

A. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to receive public comments on proposed new road names in Polk County: All the following are private roads within the Saluda Township, located off of Orchard Lake Road, SR 1100/1101; Alphabet Lane, Farside Road, Myrtle Hill Lane, Palmetto Road, RV Trail, and Watershed Trail. The notice was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

B. Citizen Comments

C. Adjourn Public Hearing

2. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Yoder

3. Invocation - Commissioner Beiler

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Hargett

5. Approval of Agenda

A. Items may be added or removed at this time.

6. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of the February 16, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Schedule a Public Hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

C. Declare six Sheriff vehicles surplus to be sold electronically via GovDeals auction. Asset details attached.

D. Declare computers and miscellaneous equipment from IT department as surplus to be sold electronically via GovDeals auction. Asset details attached.

E. Appoint Chairman Yoder to the Regional Water Commission.

F. Vaya Health Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2025.

G. Tax Refund Requests in the amount of \$1,922.77.

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

8. Regular Agenda Items

A. Consideration and approval of the proposed seven new road names subsequent to the public hearing: Alphabet Lane, Farside Road, Myrtle Hill Lane, Palmetto Road, RV Trail, and Watershed Trail.

B. Tax Department - Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.

I. 2025 Uncollected (Delinquent) Tax Report.

II. Misapplied Property Tax Payments Policy

III. Release of Interest Accrued From Misapplied Payment.

C. Approval of YMCA Architect, LS3P Associates, Budget Amendment, Project Budget Ordinance, and Contract - Manager Pittman

D. Budget Amendment for the Buildings, Maintenance, and Repair Budget Line - Mickey Edwards, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director.

E. Polk County Schools - Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D., Director of Operations.

I. Request transfer of \$102,746.88 from the County's Capital Reserve Account to reimburse Polk County Schools for capital expenses paid through this year.

II. Tryon Elementary School Pre-K Expansion Update.

F. Health and Human Services Agency Child Abuse Prevention Proclamation - Chairman Yoder.

G. DRMF (Disaster Recovery Mitigation Fund) Flood Gauge Network Project Budget Ordinance - Manager Pittman.

H. Purchase Order Request and Budget amendment to appropriate insurance proceeds and additional fund balance for new demo ambulance - Michael Crater, EMS Director.

9. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items

10. Volunteer Board Applications

A. Adult Care Advisory Committee - There are five vacancies and three applicants; Brent Seagle, Carol Blakely, and Cornelia Yoder.

- B. Agricultural Advisory Board - There are two vacancies and three applicants; Beth Foster, Craig Tafaro, and Libbie Johnson.
- C. Appearance Commission - There are three vacancies and two applicants; Dawn Spinola (Tryon Township), and Will Kallberg (At Large).
- D. Nursing Home Community Advisory Committee - There are five vacancies and three applicants; Brent Seagle, Carol Blakely, and Cornelia Yoder.
- E. Recreation Advisory Board - There are six vacancies and one applicant; Tabitha Letterman.

11. Commissioner Comments

12. Closed Session

- A. Motion to go into Closed Session for the purpose of Attorney-Client Privilege.
- B. Motion to return to open session.

13. Adjournment