

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 18, 2026
5:00 PM**



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

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1. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Yoder.
 2. Invocation - Chairman Yoder.
 3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Hargett
 4. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Items may be added or removed at this time.
 5. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the April 20, 2026, Public Hearing and Regular Meeting, and the May 11, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Schedule a Public Hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, June 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building.
 - C. Tax Refund Requests in the amount of \$1,537.49.
 - D. Budget Amendment to adjust budget lines internally within the Sheriff's Department and Detention Center.
 - E. Budget Amendment to cover Sheriff's Department Merit Increases which were budgeted and appropriated in FY26.
 6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items
 7. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Child Fatality Prevention Team 2025 Annual Report - Robin Elliott, HHSA Director, and the Child Fatality Prevention Team.
 - B. Resolution Adjusting Current and Future Reappraisal Cycles – Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.
 - C. Helene Recovery Disaster Mitigation Program Update - Ryan Searcy - NCFS Polk County Ranger, and Coleman Enloe -NCFS Mitigation Specialist.

- D. Fund Balance Appropriation for new Emergency Management Truck - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director, and Fire Marshal.
- E. Polk County Public Libraries 2026-2031 Strategic Plan Approval - Marcie Dowling, Libraries Director.
- F. Request for Approval of Reimbursement through the Public School Building Repair and Renovations Fund (PSBRRF) NC Education Lottery - Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Director of Operations.
 - I. Sunny View Elementary HVAC Replacement
 - II. Tryon Elementary HVAC Replacement
- 8. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.
- 9. Volunteer Board Applications
 - A. Board of Adjustment - There are two vacancies and one applicant; Arion Jones.
 - B. Saluda Fire District Tax Commission - There are three vacancies, and one applicant; Arion Jones.
- 10. Commissioner Comments.
- 11. Closed Session
 - A. Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of Attorney-Client Privilege.
 - B. Motion to return to open session.
- 12. Adjournment