

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Budget Work Session
June 1, 2026 - 5:00 PM
Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building
40 Courthouse Street Columbus, NC 28722
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Yoder, Vice-Chairman Moore, Commissioner Beiler, Commissioner Melton, and Commissioner Hargett. Also in attendance were Manager Pittman, Clerk to the Board Freeman, and citizens.

1. Call to Order the Budget Work Session
- Chairman Yoder

A. FY26-27 Budget Questions and Discussion.

Manager Pittman explained that the State Supreme Court has approved a Duke Energy rate increase and that Western North Carolina is expected to see higher rates than Eastern North Carolina. He said that the impact on the County's budget is currently unknown but could be significant. He said they would like to use a temporary funding approach similar to the County Manager's discretionary budget to help cover any utility cost overruns. He said he is estimating that it will be approximately \$20,000, but the actual amount could vary.

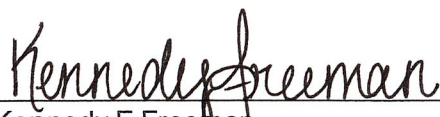
Manager Pittman also said that they would like to allocate a capital item that was removed from the original budget for communications networking equipment. He explained that the routing and switching equipment would support the County's data network and help ensure redundancy within the CAD system in the event of failure. He said that the North Carolina 911 Board has authorized funding for 70% of the project cost. The total project cost is estimated at \$80,000, so the County will be responsible for approximately \$30,000.

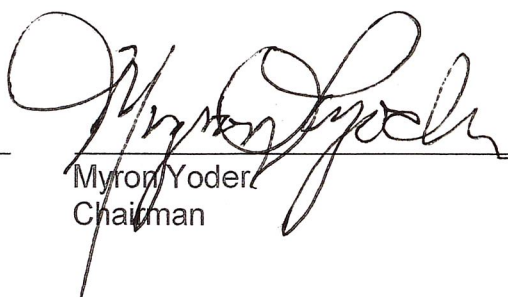
2. Adjournment

Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn the Budget Work Session, seconded by Commissioner Melton, and the motion was carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Kennedy E Freeman
Clerk to the Board


Myron Yoder
Chairman