

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 20, 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 June 15, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Purchase Order Request for the Polk County Senior Center parking lot funded through the Carolina Foothills Foundation grant.
 - C. Tax Refund Request in the amount of \$3,322.19 for the month of June 2026.
 - D. Request to designate Chairman Yoder as the voting delegate for the Annual Business Session on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. to be held during the 119th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in Durham County.
 6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.
 7. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Schedule a public hearing to review and discuss approval of text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance on August 17, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice and Administration Building, 40 Courthouse Street, Columbus, NC. (A copy of the current Zoning Ordinance is available to review online at <https://www.polknc.gov/ordinances.php> or in the County Manager's office.) - Chelsea Louray, Planning Administrator.
 - B. Schedule a public hearing to be held during the August 17, 2026, Board of Commissioner's meeting to review and discuss an installment financing agreement to finance a new community center - Manager Pittman.

- C. Budget Amendment and transfer of \$146,252.84 from the County's Capital Reserve Account to reimburse Polk County Schools for capital expenses paid through this year - Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Polk County Schools Director of Operations.
 - D. Consideration and approval of the Purchase Order request for Republic Services, Inc. by the Polk County Landfill in the amount of \$1,365,113.00 for trash hauling and disposal - Manager Pittman.
 - E. Polk County Emergency Management - Bobby Arledge, Director.
 - I. NC Emergency Management, State Centric Memorandum of Agreement.
 - II. Flood Gauge Project - Green Stream Products and Services.
 - F. State Cashflow Loans for Disaster Response Activities to Local Governments Resolution and Amendment - Sonya Ayers, Finance Director.
8. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.
9. Volunteer Board Applications
- A. Agricultural Advisory Board - There is one vacancy and one applicant; Sofia Lilly.
 - B. Economic & Tourism Development Commission - There are three vacancies and one applicant; Katie Biel.
 - C. Fire Rescue Advisory Committee (FRAC) There are seven vacancies, and three applicants; Cynthia Fowler, Jeremy Gregg, and Pat Linnon.
 - D. Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) - There are eight vacancies, and one applicant; Christine Davis.
 - E. Recycling Advisory Board - There are three vacancies and one applicant; Pat Linnon.
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