

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 17, 2026
5:00 PM**



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

1. Public Hearing

A. Call to Order the Public Hearing - The purpose of this public hearing is to take public comment on the proposed text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to allow the use of vacation rentals as a use in the permitted use table RE-5. (A copy of the current and proposed draft of the Zoning Ordinance is available for review online at <https://www.polknc.gov/ordinances> or in the County Manager's office and the notice was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.) - Cathy Ruth, Planning and Economic Development Director.

B. Citizen Comments

C. Adjourn Public Hearing

2. Public Hearing

A. Call to Order the Public Hearing – The purpose of this public hearing is to receive public comment on an installment financing agreement for the Polk County Community Recreation Center in the principal amount not to exceed \$12,000,000, plus interest thereon. (The notice was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin). - Amy Vitner, First Tryon Advisors.

B. Citizen Comments

C. Adjourn Public Hearing

3. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Yoder

4. Invocation - Vice-Chairman Moore

5. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Beiler

6. Approval of Agenda

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

7. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of July 20, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Tax Refund Request in the amount of \$35,977.96 for the month of July 2026.

- C. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, September 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building.
 - D. Community Recreation Center project ordinance amendment to reflect YMCA donations and grant funding for building/construction costs.
 - E. Resolution Authorizing DEQ Signatory Authority for the Polk County Community Recreation Center.
 - F. Purchase Order request for EMS Ambulance Remount which was approved in the 2026/2027 Fiscal Year Budget.
 - G. Approval of the Green Creek Fire Department Vehicle Donation to Polk County Emergency Management.
8. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.
9. Regular Agenda Items
- A. Lake Adger Dam and Road Repair Bid Recommendation and Approval - Dave Odom, Odom Engineering, PLLC.
 - B. Polk County Schools Public School Building Repair and Renovation Fund (PSBRRF) lottery requests. — Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Operations Director.
 - C. Proclamation for Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing in Action (MIA) - Joyce Preston, President Polk County Memorial VFW Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116
 - D. Military Suicide Awareness Proclamation - Mike Collins, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116.
 - E. Resolution in Remembrance of September 11, 2001 - Commander Terry Trelford, Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116.
 - F. Polk County Veterans Services Update - Tim Helton, Veteran Services Director.
 - G. Consideration and approval of the proposed permitted use amendments to the Polk County Zoning Ordinance subsequent to the public hearing.
 - H. Consideration and approval of an Installment Financing Agreement for the Polk County Community Recreation Center subsequent to the public hearing.
 - I. Polk County Community Recreation Center - YMCA Update
 - I. Introduction of new President/CEO of the YMCA of Greater Spartanburg - Trey Oakley.
 - II. Polk County/YMCA Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - Trey Oakley

III. Polk County/St. Luke's Hospital Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) -
Bill Miller, St. Luke's Board of Trustees Chair

10. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

11. Volunteer Board Applications

- A. Fire Rescue Advisory Committee (FRAC) - There are three vacancies and two applicants; Derrick Overholt, and George Ledbetter.
- B. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) - There are seven vacancies and one applicant; Brenden Belluardo.

12. Commissioner Comments.

13. Adjournment