

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARING AND
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 2023
5:00 PM**



**R. Jay Foster Hall of
Justice - Womack
Building**

1. Public Hearing
 - A. Call Public Hearing to Order - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public Hearing is to take comments on the proposed adoption of an Ordinance prohibiting skateboarding on certain public roads in Polk County. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.
 - B. Citizen Comments.
 - C. Commissioner Comments.
 - D. Adjourn Public Hearing.
2. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.
3. Invocation - Commissioner Overholt.
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Melton.
5. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Items may be added or removed at this time.
Motion to approve the agenda as presented or amended.
6. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Approval of October 2, 2023 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for September 2023.
 - C. Declare eight Health and Human Services (HHSA) vehicles as surplus to be sold electronically through Govdeals.
Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.
8. MyFutureNC Update - Aaron Greene, Superintendent Polk County Schools; Margaret H. Annunziata, Ed.D. President, Isothermal Community College; Dr. Tracie Metz, MyFutureNC.
9. Polk County Skateboard Ordinance - Attorney Berg.
Motion to approve the resolution and to adopt the ordinance as presented.

10. Resolution Urging NCDOT to Remedy Issues Along I-26 Grade - Manager Pittman.
Motion to approve the Resolution as presented or amended.
11. Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans - Vice-Chairman Yoder requested this item be added to the agenda.
Motion to approve the Resolution.
12. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.
13. Volunteer Board Application(s)
 - A. Applications for Consideration: Brian McCrodden - Appearance Commission,
Robert F. Scruggs - Tryon Fire District Tax Commission.
Motion to approve the applicants as presented,
14. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.
15. Adjournment



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Board of Commissioners of Polk County will hold a public hearing on Monday, the 16th day of October 2023, at 5:00 pm, in the R. J. Foster Hall of Justice, second-floor courtroom, located at 40 Courthouse Street in Columbus, NC, in order to consider the adoption of an Ordinance prohibiting skateboarding on certain public roads in Polk County. All interested persons are invited to attend.

For additional information about this Public Hearing, contact the County Manager's office at (828) 894-3301.

Kristy A. Tipton
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: A.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Draft Minutes	Cover Memo	10/13/2023

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
October 2, 2023 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Melton, Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Overholt. Also in attendance were Manager Pittman, Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board Tipton, media, and citizens. Vice-Chairman Yoder and Commissioner Beiler were absent.

1. Public Hearings

A. Call the Public Hearing to Order - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public hearing was to take public comment on proposed new road name, Twin Oaks Drive. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

B. Citizen Comments.

There were none.

C. Commissioner Comments.

There were none.

D. Adjourn Public Hearing.

Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler, Yoder

E. Call the Public Hearing to Order - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public hearing was to take public comments on address changes as a result of City of Saluda readdressing project. The Public Hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

F. Citizen Comments.

There were none.

G. Commissioner Comments.

There were none.

H. Adjourn Public Hearing.

Commissioner Overholt moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler, Yoder

2. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

3. Invocation - Commissioner Beiler.

Commissioner Moore gave the Invocation in Commissioner Beiler's absence.

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Overholt.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler, Yoder

6. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Tax Refund Request in the amount of \$823.70.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler, Yoder

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

8. Turner Shoals Dam Update - David Odom, Odom Engineering, PLLC

Mr. Odom said we have been working with GEI Consultants (specifically Geoff Kruger) on the Lake Adger Dam project for 6 or more years. The work involved the development of four engineering reports culminating in construction plans. These plans and specifications were submitted to DEQ in July for final approval. The contracts in place with GEI are essentially fulfilled and we have requested additional proposals to be sent to us to bid the project, provide construction administration and provide construction observation. The first drafts were sent to us and we have sent them back with a few modifications requested and will be presented to you at a future meeting for approval. Our plan is to bid the project in the first quarter of 2024 with an expected construction time of 2 years. Once final approval is received for the construction plans, they will be sent to Northbrook for further discussion.

9. New Polk County Road Name - Twin Oaks Drive (Private Road off SR1514) in Columbus Township - Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.

Melissa O'Loughlin said the recommended road name by staff is Twin Oaks Drive as the first choice of the property owners was too similar to an existing road name.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the road name as presented, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Beiler, Yoder

10. Address Changes as a result of the City of Saluda Readdressing Project - Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.

Melissa O'Loughlin said as a result of the City of Saluda re-addressing project, some road ranges that lead from the city into the county are no longer in sync which could cause delayed response time for emergency responders. Correcting the ranges will cause address changes for 22 households. She said she will be back at a future date to request amendments to the addressing ordinance allowing changes like this to be made by staff.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the address changes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Beiler, Yoder

11. Approval to schedule a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed Skateboard Ordinance - Attorney Berg.

Attorney Berg said the NC General Assembly enacted a local law for Polk County, by ordinance, to prohibit skateboarding on roads within the county effective October 1st. Initially the draft ordinance was going to be for all roads over a 3% grade, but after reviewing the terrain of the county staff recommended to include all roads in the unincorporated parts of county. This ordinance will be for individual skateboarders and events. She requested approval to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:00pm.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the request to hold a public hearing on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Beiler, Yoder

12. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were none.

13. Chairman and Commissioners Comments.

The Chairman and Commissioners collectively thanked those in attendance.

14. Adjournment

Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Overholt
and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Beiler, Yoder

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board

Tommy W. Melton
Chairman

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: B.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Activity Report	Cover Memo	10/9/2023



Activity Report - September 2023

<i>CALLS FOR SERVICE</i>				
Alarms (Residential/Commercial)	21		Fraud/Forgery Report	12
Animal Complaint/Livestock	100		Harassment/Stalking	3
Armed Person	1		Intoxicated Person Report/Driver	3
Assault/Abuse	5		Involuntary Commitment/Mental Subject	6
Assist FD/EMS/Rescue	12		Juvenile Complaint	6
Assist Law Enforcement Agency	27		Larceny Report/Shoplifting	13
Assist Motorist/Public	44		911 Follow Up/Hang up	30
Assist Other/Outside Agency	10		Property Damage	8
Breaking & Entering	7		Shots Fired (Report/Complaint)	6
Citizen Contact/Call by Phone	64		Special Activity/Event	14
Civil Related/Custody Dispute	9		Stolen Vehicle	2
Communicating Threats	8		Suicide (Threat/Attempt/Report)	1
DOA	1		Suspicious Activity (Person/Vehicle)	92
Disturbance (Fight/Noise/Dispute)	15		Traffic Control/C&R Driver	46

Domestic Related	10		Trespassing	13
Drug Related	5		Vehicle Pursuit	1
Escort (Funeral/Public)	8		Warrant/Process Service/Search Warrant	111
Follow-Up Investigation	26		Welfare Check	28

<i>ANIMAL CONTROL</i>	
Animals Picked up <i>*see notes below</i>	27
Bite Report	3
*10 Dogs, 15 Cats, 2 Wildlife	

<i>LOBBY</i>	
Fingerprinting	35
Telephone Calls	346
In Person	392

<i>ARRESTS</i>	
Misdemeanor	26
Felony	15

<i>OTHER</i>	
Weapons Seized	1
Traffic Stops	304
Citations Issued	71
Charges by Citation	93
Checkpoint	3

<i>CIVIL</i>	
Civil Summons & Complaint	9
Domestic Protection Order	2
Order to Appear & Show Cause	0
Order to Appear/Show Cause-Child Support	2
Other	16
<i>TOTAL</i>	29

<i>SECURITY CHECKS</i>	
Residence	169
Business	938
Church	213
School	80

<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>1400</i>
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<i>DETENTION CENTER</i>	
Inmates Admitted	78

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: C.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Surplus Vehicles	Cover Memo	10/10/2023

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

Titles LOCATED and given to Kristy for the BOC to APPROVE for Surplus 10/10/2023

Division	FA # in System	Make	Model	Year	VIN#	Color	Mileage	Condition
Transportation	4265	#14 Dodge	Caravan minivan 7 passenger	2009	2D8HN44E79R619653	White	195901	Needs Battery. Missing drivers side window.
DSS	4278	Dodge	Caravan 7 passenger	2008	1D8HN44H78B184964	White	226453	
DSS	5293	Ford	Escape 5 passenger SUV	2013	1FMCU9GX8DUB16453	White	148035	
DSS	4279	Ford	Focus 4 passenger sedan	2009	1FAHP34N19W136692	White	167534	
Senior Center	4522	Ford	Focus 4 passenger sedan	2010	1FAHP3EN2AW112548	White		Won't start.
Senior Center	4677	Ford	Van	2011	1FTDS3EL4BDA71309	White		Won't start.
Senior Center	4678	Ford	Van	2011	1FTDS3EL2BDA71308	White		Won't start.
Health Dept.	4427	Ford	10 FORD 4X4 EXPLORER	2010	1FMEU7DE8AUA05610	Black	177088	Transmission Issues, A/C Issues

View Fixed Asset Projected Depreciated Value

Fund: 10 General Fund
Department: 4120 Administration
Asset Number: 4265
Description 1: VEH13 VAN, PASSENGER
2: DODGE
3: GRAND CARAVAN
Asset# Linked to:
Asset ID Tag #: 2658
Serial #: 2009 X 9653
Original Cost: 25,255.30 Upgrades tied to this asset: N
Category Code: 8 8 yr life
Acquisition Date: 3/20/2009 In Service Date: 3/20/2009
Projected Retirement Date: 10/10/2023 Age in Years: 15
Prior years depreciation: 25,255.30 Date depreciation last applied: 6/30/2023
Additional depreciation since last yr: # Days since last depreciation:
Projected Life to Date Depreciation: 25,255.30 Daily Rate:
Residual Value=Original cost-LTD Depr:

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View Fixed Asset Projected Depreciated Value

Fund: 20 Human Services Fund
Department: 5300 Depart of Social Services
Asset Number: 4278
Description 1: VEH13 VAN, PASSENGER
2: DODGE
3: GRAND CARAVAN
Asset# Linked to:
Asset ID Tag #: 2684
Serial #: 2008 X 4964
Original Cost: 18,742.00 Upgrades tied to this asset: N
Category Code: 8 8 yr life
Acquisition Date: 7/09/2008 In Service Date: 7/09/2008
Projected Retirement Date: 10/10/2023 Age in Years: 16
Prior years depreciation: 18,742.00 Date depreciation last applied: 6/30/2023
Additional depreciation since last yr: # Days since last depreciation:
Projected Life to Date Depreciation: 18,742.00 Daily Rate:
Residual Value=Original cost-LTD Depr:

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Fund: 20 Human Services Fund
Department: 5300 Depart of Social Services
Asset Number: 5293
Description 1: VEH01 AUTOMOBILE
2: FORD 2013
3: ESCAPE
Asset# Linked to:
Asset ID Tag #: 3767
Serial #: 1FMCU9GX8DUB16453
Original Cost: 22,800.00 Upgrades tied to this asset: N
Category Code: 8 8 yr life
Acquisition Date: 9/25/2012 In Service Date: 9/25/2012
Projected Retirement Date: 10/10/2023 Age in Years: 12
Prior years depreciation: 22,800.00 Date depreciation last applied: 6/30/2023
Additional depreciation since last yr: # Days since last depreciation:
Projected Life to Date Depreciation: 22,800.00 Daily Rate:
Residual Value=Original cost-LTD Depr:

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Fund: 20 Human Services Fund
Department: 5300 Depart of Social Services
Asset Number: 4279
Description 1: VEH01 AUTOMOBILE
2: FORD
3: FOCUS
Asset# Linked to:
Asset ID Tag #: 2685
Serial #: 2009 X 6692
Original Cost: 13,270.34 Upgrades tied to this asset: N
Category Code: 8 8 yr life
Acquisition Date: 9/17/2008 In Service Date: 9/17/2008
Projected Retirement Date: 10/10/2023 Age in Years: 16
Prior years depreciation: 13,270.34 Date depreciation last applied: 6/30/2023
Additional depreciation since last yr: # Days since last depreciation:
Projected Life to Date Depreciation: 13,270.34 Daily Rate:
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Fund: 20 Human Services Fund
Department: 4520 Transportation-Operations
Asset Number: 4522
Description 1: VEH01 AUTOMOBILE
2: FORD
3: 2010 FOCUS
Asset# Linked to:
Asset ID Tag #: 2958
Serial #: 1FAHP3EN2AW112548
Original Cost: 11,490.00 Upgrades tied to this asset: N
Category Code: 8 8 yr life
Acquisition Date: 9/02/2009 In Service Date: 9/02/2009
Projected Retirement Date: 10/10/2023 Age in Years: 15
Prior years depreciation: 11,490.00 Date depreciation last applied: 6/30/2023
Additional depreciation since last yr: # Days since last depreciation:
Projected Life to Date Depreciation: 11,490.00 Daily Rate:
Residual Value=Original cost-LTD Depr:

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Fund: 20 Human Services Fund
Department: 4520 Transportation-Operations
Asset Number: 4677
Description 1: VEH13 VAN, PASSENGER
2: FORD 2011
3: E350T
Asset# Linked to:
Asset ID Tag #: 3176
Serial #: 1FTDS3EL4BDA71309
Original Cost: 37,203.00 Upgrades tied to this asset: N
Category Code: 8 8 yr life
Acquisition Date: 5/06/2011 In Service Date: 5/06/2011
Projected Retirement Date: 10/10/2023 Age in Years: 13
Prior years depreciation: 37,203.00 Date depreciation last applied: 6/30/2023
Additional depreciation since last yr: # Days since last depreciation:
Projected Life to Date Depreciation: 37,203.00 Daily Rate:
Residual Value=Original cost-LTD Depr:

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Fund: 20 Human Services Fund
Department: 4520 Transportation-Operations
Asset Number: 4678
Description 1: VEH13 VAN, PASSENGER
2: FORD 2011
3: E350T
Asset# Linked to:
Asset ID Tag #: 3175
Serial #: 1FTDS3EL2BDA71308
Original Cost: 37,203.00 Upgrades tied to this asset: N
Category Code: 8 8 yr life
Acquisition Date: 6/24/2011 In Service Date: 6/24/2011
Projected Retirement Date: 10/10/2023 Age in Years: 13
Prior years depreciation: 37,203.00 Date depreciation last applied: 6/30/2023
Additional depreciation since last yr: # Days since last depreciation:
Projected Life to Date Depreciation: 37,203.00 Daily Rate:
Residual Value=Original cost-LTD Depr:

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View Fixed Asset Projected Depreciated Value

Fund: 10 General Fund
Department: 4310 Sheriff's Department
Asset Number: 4427
Description 1: VEH902 SUV
2: FORD
3: 2010 EXPLR 4X4
Asset# Linked to:
Asset ID Tag #: 2983
Serial #: 1FMEU7DE8AUA05610
Original Cost: 21,100.00 Upgrades tied to this asset: N
Category Code: 8 8 yr life
Acquisition Date: 8/24/2009 In Service Date: 8/24/2009
Projected Retirement Date: 10/10/2023 Age in Years: 15
Prior years depreciation: 21,100.00 Date depreciation last applied: 6/30/2023
Additional depreciation since last yr: # Days since last depreciation:
Projected Life to Date Depreciation: 21,100.00 Daily Rate:
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POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 8.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
MyFutureNC Resolution	Cover Memo	10/11/2023

Suggested Motion:



WHEREAS, myFutureNC is a statewide non-profit organization focused on educational attainment and is the result of cross-sector collaboration between North Carolina leaders in education, business and government; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has the goal that 2 million North Carolinians will have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Board of Commissioners is committed to guiding the future of Polk County and supporting a thriving community for its residents; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Board of Commissioners, along with other key partners, will help advance the educational attainment of students in North Carolina by supporting the work of Polk County Schools and Isothermal Community College; and

WHEREAS, Polk County Board of Commissioners agrees that North Carolina faces a gap between the projected needs for citizens with high-quality credentials or postsecondary degrees and the attainment of those high-quality credentials or postsecondary degrees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

Polk County Board of Commissioners supports the attainment goal of myFutureNC that 2 million North Carolinians should have a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030; and

Polk County Board of Commissioners supports and adopts the local educational attainment goal of an additional 3,478 individuals with a high-quality credential or postsecondary degree by 2030 in Polk County; and

Polk County Board of Commissioners along with leaders in business, education, state and local government, and community organizations will continue to foster partnerships to achieve this goal.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Tommy W. Melton, Chairman

Attest: _____
Kristy A. Tipton, Clerk to the Board

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 9.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Draft Ordinance	Cover Memo	10/11/2023

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the resolution and to adopt the ordinance as presented.

A RESOLUTION TO ENACT AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING SKATEBOARDING ON PUBLIC STREETS AND ROADS IN POLK COUNTY

WHEREAS, Polk County, North Carolina is located in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina and enjoys scenic byways offering slow-paced and relaxing drives with stunning long-range vistas and close-up views of the mountains and pastoral landscapes; and

WHEREAS, as a result of mountainous terrain in the County, public roadways are often constructed in whole or in part on steep slopes using switch backs and zigzag sections of roadway; and

WHEREAS, these roadways in Polk County are attractive to highspeed skateboarders and present serious concerns with respect to public safety, damage to public and private property as well as liability occasioned as a result of the exercise of this recreational activity; and

WHEREAS, S.L. 2023-20, authorizes Polk County to prohibit or restrict the use of skateboards on any public street or road within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Board of Commissioners hereby finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the citizens and residents of Polk County to enact this Ordinance prohibiting skateboarding on all public streets and roads within the unincorporated area of Polk County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners (the “Board”) for the County of Polk, North Carolina (the “County”) the following is hereby adopted as the Polk County Skateboarding Ordinance:

Section 1. Prohibition against skateboarding.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a skateboard on any public street or road within the unincorporated area of the County.

Section 2. Skateboard definition.

For purposes of this Ordinance, the term “Skateboard” includes the following devices:

Skateboard: A footboard mounted upon four or more wheels propelled by the user who sometimes stands, kneels, sits, or lays upon the device while it is in motion;

Roller skates or Roller blades: A pair of shoes, mounted upon sets of wheels most often propelled by the user in an upright, standing or crouching position; and

Coasters or Scooters: A footboard mounted upon two or more wheels and by an upright steering handle. This device is propelled by the user or a motor and is usually operated in an upright position.

The term “skateboard” does not include devices operated or used by handicapped or disabled persons, such as wheelchairs.

Section 3. Penalty.

Any person who violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of a Class 3 misdemeanor and shall be fined not more than five hundred (\$500.00) or imprisoned for not more than 30 days.

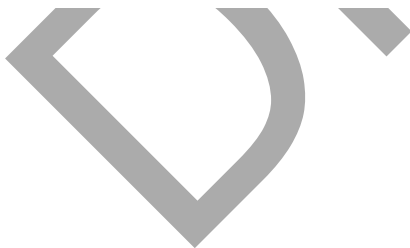
Approved this the 16th day of October, 2023.

POLK COUNTY BOARD
OF COMMISSIONERS

Tommy W. Melton, Chairman

ATTEST:

Kristy Tipton
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners



POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 10.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Resolution	Cover Memo	10/11/2023

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the Resolution as presented or amended.



Resolution of the Polk County Board of Commissioners Urging NCDOT to Remedy Issues Along I-26 Grade

A resolution of the Polk County Board of Commissioners to address the urgency and importance of mitigating road hazards leading to environmental impacts in Polk County due to accidents involving the transportation of hazardous materials, specifically in the Cove Creek area along I-26.

Whereas, in less than five years, two environmental health impacts have occurred in Polk County as a result of accidents on the I-26 grade near Saluda, NC, specifically in the Cove Creek area, and

Whereas, these accidents have led to adverse effects on the natural and environmental resources of Polk County, including fuel and milk spills; and

Whereas, these incidents have adversely affected residents, visitors, and wildlife in the area; and

Whereas, substantial personnel hours have been expended to ensure that responsible parties respond promptly and effectively to mitigate the life-threatening environmental impacts; and,

Now, therefore, the Polk County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves as follows:

1. Urges local and state partners to continue their support for the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) in seeking additional funding from the North Carolina Legislature to address issues related to the safe operation of motor vehicles along the I-26 grade through Polk County and to reduce accidents.
2. Encourages NCDOT to explore and implement effective methods to safeguard the environment and the public from future environmental health hazards resulting from accidents or other man-made incidents along the I-26 grade through Polk County.
3. Supports NCDOT in its collaboration with local and state partners through ongoing planning meetings and in developing prevention and training programs.
4. Calls upon NCDOT to deploy enhanced safety and warning signage along the I-26 grade through Polk County to promote safer travel and environmental protection.

Adopted this ____ day of _____, 20__.

Tommy W. Melton, Chairman

Attest:

Kristy A. Tipton, Clerk to the Board

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

October 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 11.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Resolution	Cover Memo	10/11/2023

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the Resolution.



Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Polk County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Polk County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, Active Military Service Members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County appreciates the sacrifices of our United State Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; therefore be it

RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Polk County hereby declares from October 16th, 2023 through Veteran's Day, November 11, 2023, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; therefore, be it further

RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Polk County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6th through the 12th, 2023.

Adopted this the 16th day of October, 2023.

Attest:

Polk County Board of
Commissioners

Kristy A. Tipton
Clerk to the Board

Tommy W. Melton
Chairman