

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
July 19, 2021 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice Womack Building Columbus, NC
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.
2. Invocation - Commissioner Overholt.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Melton.
4. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

Vice-Chairman Beiler thanked the Tryon International Equestrian Center (TIEC) for opening its doors for the Polk County High School graduation. He said, speaking for himself, TIEC is an asset to the County.

5. Approval of Agenda - Motion needed to approve or amend the agenda.

Chairman Melton requested to remove item 10 - Special Event Policy. Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda - Motion needed to approve or amend the consent agenda.

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

- A. June 21, 2021 public hearing and regular meeting minutes.
- B. Tax refund requests through June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$1,543.26.
- C. Polk County Transportation Home and Community Care Block Grant (HCCBG) FY21-22 County Plan.
- D. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, August 2, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice.
- E. Sheriff's activity report for June 2021.

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

One citizen commented on agenda item nine, YMCA Polk County Recreation Facility Project.

8. Pea Ridge Road Waterline Extension Main Project.

Dave Odom, the Engineer, said phase one would extend the waterline on Pea Ridge Road to the new Green Creek Fire Department annex building. Then, phase two would continue the extension on Pea Ridge Road, ending at the Coxe Road intersection. He said bids were received on April 14, 2021, for the project, and the low bidder for each phase was Piedmont Utilities Group, Inc. Commissioner Yoder asked if there would be a fire hydrant at the intersection of Pea Ridge and Coxe roads. Mr. Odom said the plans do not have a hydrant in that specific location; however, they do include three hydrants at strategic points throughout the extension. He said hydrants were itemized in the cost estimate, and they can add more if the Board desires.

Commissioner Moore moved to transfer \$118,881 from fund balance to the water capital fund, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the Project Budget Ordinance for \$254,093 to construct both phases of the Pea Ridge Road Water Main Extension Project, seconded by Commissioner Overholt, and the motion carried unanimously.

Manager Pittman said the Commissioners could motion to award the contract to Piedmont Utilities Group, Inc. to expedite the project. He said one bid is acceptable since the construction cost is less than \$500,000.

Commissioner Moore moved to award the contract to Piedmont Utilities Group, Inc. for \$254,093 to construct phases one and two of the Pea Ridge Road water main extension, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

9. YMCA Polk County Recreation Facility Project Budget Ordinance.

Manager Pittman said now that the YMCA Polk County Recreation Facility Committee was formed, funds need to be approved to provide for things during the planning stage, such as consulting an architect.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to transfer \$110,000 from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects, seconded by Commissioner Moore, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Yoder moved to establish a Project Ordinance for \$110,000 for a YMCA Polk County Recreation Facility, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Special Event Policy - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director and Fire Marshal. (This item was removed from the agenda.)

11. Designation of a voting delegate and alternate for the Annual Business Session on August 14, 2021, at 12:45 p.m to be held during the 114th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in New Hanover County.

Chairman Melton moved to appoint Commissioner Yoder as the voting delegate and Commissioner Moore as the alternate during the 114th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in New Hanover County, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Volunteer Board Application(s)

- A. The following applications were received for consideration to serve on various Polk County Volunteer Boards: Martha Kemmer, Animal Control Board; Carolyn Ashburn, Joe Cooper, and Clyde Younkin, Appearance Commission; Laura Ellington, Mental Health Advisory Board; Anwar Timol, Planning Board - at large.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve all applicants, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on a non-agenda item.

14. Closed Session

- A. Commissioner Moore moved to go into closed session for the purpose of attorney-client privilege, seconded by Commissioner Yoder, and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. Commissioner Moore moved to return to open session, seconded by Commissioner Overholt, and the motion carried unanimously..

15. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Ange High
Clerk to the Board

Tommy W. Melton
Chairman