

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 24, 2023
5:00 PM**



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

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1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.
 2. Invocation - Commissioner Overholt.
 3. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Melton.
 4. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Items may be added or removed at this time.

Motion to approve the agenda.
 5. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Approval of June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for June 2023.
 - C. Tax Refund Requests for June and July in the amount of \$4,956.86.
 - D. Accept the Grant from Carolina Foothills Foundation in the amount of \$16,500 awarded to Polk County Public Libraries to be used for a mobile kitchen for library programs and approve the budget amendment.
 - E. Polk County Community Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Team (CCPT) Annual Report.
 - F. Budget amendment to appropriate \$50,000 using funds received from sales tax refunded in FY19, for capital project and amend the Project Budget Ordinance to increase the project for countywide radio communication system.
 - G. Schedule a public hearing to consider the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments Monday, August 21, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
 6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.
 7. Green River Dredging Update - Joel Lenk, Quible & Associates, P.C.
 8. NCDOT Prioritization 7 - Alan Toney, Community & Economic Development Director, Foothills Regional Commission.
 9. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) County Fund Plan for FY 2023/24 including membership - Lynne Barnette, Chair JCPC

Motion to approve the County Funding Plan and the members as presented.

10. Polk County Schools - Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D., Director of Operations.

A. Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Requests - Second payment on the Tryon Elementary PreK Addition Project.

Motion to approve the Distribution Request.

B. Request to transfer \$532,823.31 from the County's Capital Reserve Account to reimburse Polk County Schools for Capital Expenses.

Motion to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$532,823.31.

11. Polk County Appearance Commission - Robert Williamson, Appearance Commission Member.

12. Polk County Lifesaver Awards - Sheriff Tim Wright.

13. Proclamation to declare July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month - Mickey Edwards, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director and Laura Baird, Recreation Coordinator.

Motion to declare July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month.

14. 911 Grant Agreement Extension - Manager Pittman.

Motion to approve the 911 Grant Agreement Extension.

15. Addendum to the Capital Campaign Management Agreement between Convergent Nonprofit Solutions and Polk County - Attorney Berg.

Motion to approve the addendum.

16. Designation of a voting delegate and alternate for the Annual Business Session on August 26, 2023, at 2:00 p.m to be held during the 116th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in Wake County.

Motion to appoint voting and alternate delegates.

17. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

18. Volunteer Board Application(s)

A. Volunteer Board Applications for Consideration: Appearance Commission - Carolyn Ashburn, Robert Williamson; Economic and Tourism Development Commission - Katie Biel; Foothills Workforce Development Board - Craig Hilton; Fire Rescue Advisory Committee - George F. Ledbetter; Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - Kevin Blackwell, Lee Bradley (Commissioner Appointees), and Isack Alvarado (student); Mental Health Advisory Board - Riley Harding; Recycling Advisory Board - Donna Pat Linnon.

Motion to approve the applicants as presented.

19. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

20. Closed Session

- A. Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of attorney client privilege.
- B. Motion to return to open session.

21. Adjournment

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: A.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
6.19.2023 Draft Minutes	Cover Memo	7/6/2023

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 19, 2023 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.
2. Invocation - Commissioner Beiler.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Overholt.
4. Approval of Agenda

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

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to add Acceptance of the Dogwood Trust Opioid Grant as Agenda Item 7A, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Approval of June 5, 2023 Budget Work Session, Public Hearing, and Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for May 2023.
 - C. Polk County Recruitment and Retention Resolution Extension.
 - D. Polk County EMS cancellation of uncollectible deceased patients debt in the amount of \$8,416.91.
 - E. Approval of lease agreement between Polk County and North Carolina Forest Service.
 - F. Budget Amendment to move funds to cover negatives and estimated expenses for the remaining of the fiscal year for 911 Communications.
 - G. Set aside \$6,500 received from the sale of retired K-9 officer, Jumper, to be used for the purchase of a future K-9.

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

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on agenda items.

7. Polk County Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2023/24 – Budget work sessions were held on May 15, 2023 and June 5, 2023. The budget public hearing was held on June 5, 2023.

Commissioner Moore moved to adopt the Tax Levy and the Polk County Budget Ordinance, as amended in the Budget Work Sessions, for the Fiscal Year 2023-24, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

7A. Acceptance of the Dogwood Trust Opioid Grant.

Manager Pittman said that the County was awarded the Dogwood Trust Opioid Grant in the amount of \$599,997 to be dispersed over a period of two years. The funds will be used to help determine the best way to administer the Opioid dollars.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to accept the grant and give the County Manager signatory authority, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Polk County Schools (No County funds being requested) - Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D., Director of Operations.

A. Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Requests - First payment on the Tryon Elementary PreK Addition Project.

Dr. Schweitzer said this will be a recurring request for the Tryon Elementary PreK addition as they get payment applications from their contractor.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the distribution request, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund (PSBRRF) Request - Roof replacement of the gym at Polk County High School.

He stated this is another lottery subset request to be used specifically for repair of the gym roof area which requires special remediation.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the distribution request, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Public School Building Capital Fund (PSBCF) Disbursement Application - Purchase and installation of a new dishwasher at Tryon Elementary.

Lastly, Dr. Schweitzer said the 30-year-old dishwasher at Tryon Elementary

went down and the sustainable option is to replace it using the Public School Building Capital Fund.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Polk County Farmers Markets Discussion - Dawn Jordan, Agriculture Economic Development Director.

Dawn Jordan, Agriculture Economic Director gave an update on the Farmers Markets in Polk County. She said the Saluda and the Columbus Markets are both year round. She highlighted the Friends of Agriculture Breakfast and the annual Farm Tour. She said these programs are possible due to grants received from Polk County Community Foundation, and the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina.

10. Interlocal Agreement between Town of Columbus and Polk County for Fire Safety Services - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director.

Mr. Arledge stated that this is the last of the interlocal agreements. It is just like the ones he presented previously for the Towns of Tryon and Saluda. The agreement allows Polk County to conduct fire inspection services within the Town of Columbus for a fee of \$50 per inspection.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Columbus as presented, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Fire Rescue Advisory Committee (FRAC) By-Law Updates - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director.

Mr. Arledge presented proposed changes to the FRAC Committee by-laws which consists of removal of term limits in an effort to retain members. The update also includes adding the County Manager as an ex-officio, non-voting, member. He said the FRAC Committee as well as the Fire Chief's Organization both approved the proposed changes.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the revised Fire Rescue Advisory Committee (FRAC) bylaws, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

12. YMCA Gift and Naming Rights Agreement - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman presented the proposed YMCA Gift and Naming Rights Agreement between Polk County and the YMCA of Greater Spartanburg. He said this agreement establishes that naming rights are agreed upon.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the YMCA Gift and Naming Rights Agreement, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Budget Amendments - Sandra Hughes, Finance Director will present any budget amendments, that may need approval for FY 2022-2023.

Sandra Hughes, Finance Director presented the amendment transfer for approval which is for line items in the Health Department Budget to cover needs as they play out.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the budget amendment as presented, in the amount of \$65,957, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

14. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on non-agenda items.

15. Volunteer Board Application(s)

A. Volunteer Board Applications for Consideration: Appearance Commissioner - Joe Cooper, Donald Dicey, Clyde S. Younkin. Fire Rescue Advisory Committee - Derrick Overholt, John J. Sauve. Health and Human Services Agency Board - Steve Burney, Linley Foster, Scott Hamby, Dr. Bill Hay, and Kevin Reynolds. Zoning Board of Adjustment - Betty Hill.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the applicants as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

16. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners collectively thanked the public for attending the meeting and all staff involved in the budget process.

17. Adjournment

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

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board

Tommy W. Melton
Chairman

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Activity Report	Cover Memo	7/11/2023



Activity Report - June 2023

<i>CALLS FOR SERVICE</i>				
Alarms (Residential/Commercial)	15		Harassment/Stalking	5
Animal Complaint/Livestock	103		Intoxicated Person Report/Driver	7
Armed Person	1		Involuntary Commitment/Mental Subject	5
Arson	1		Juvenile Complaint	5
Assault/Abuse	5		Larceny Report/Shoplifting	17
Assist FD/EMS/Rescue	14		Missing Person Report	2
Assist Law Enforcement Agency	24		911 Follow Up/Hang up	55
Assist Motorist/Public	39		Property Damage	3
Assist Other/Outside Agency	5		Property (Recovered/Found/Abandoned)	3
Breaking & Entering	8		Shots Fired (Report/Complaint)	4
Citizen Contact/Call by Phone	43		Special Activity/Event	6
Civil Related/Custody Dispute	15		Suicide (Threat/Attempt/Report)	3
Communicating Threats	9		Suspicious Activity (Person/Vehicle)	75
D.O.A.	3		Traffic Control/C&R Driver	23
Disturbance (Fight/Noise/Dispute)	21		Trespassing	10
Domestic Related	23		Vandalism	4
Drug Related	6		Vehicle Pursuit	3
Escort (Funeral/Public)	2		Warrant/Process Service/Search Warrant	81
Follow-Up Investigation	46		Welfare Check	19

Fraud/Forgery Report	8		
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<i>ANIMAL CONTROL</i>	
Animals Picked up <i>*see notes below</i>	38
Bite Report	5
*22 Dogs, 14 Cats, 1 Raccoon, 1 Fox	

<i>LOBBY</i>	
Fingerprinting	32
Telephone Calls	573
In Person	665

<i>ARRESTS</i>	
Misdemeanor	22
Felony	19

<i>OTHER</i>	
Weapons Seized	11
Traffic Stops	218
Citations Issued	47
Charges by Citation	56
Checkpoint	5

<i>CIVIL</i>	
Civil Summons & Complaint	7
Domestic Protection Order	1
Order to Appear & Show Cause	0
Order to Appear/Show Cause-Child Support	9
Other	14
<i>TOTAL</i>	31

<i>SECURITY CHECKS</i>	
Residence	33
Business	833
Church	193
School	75
<i>TOTAL</i>	1134

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

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July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: C.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
June Refund Request	Cover Memo	7/18/2023
July Refund Request	Cover Memo	7/18/2023

Memorandum

To: Polk County Board of Commissioners

From: Melissa O'Loughlin, Polk County Tax Administrator

Date: 6/30/2023

Re: Refund Request

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Johnson Carl James III/ Johnson Amy Lundy	P14-200	\$ 929.39	Value Correction- Refund Written Request
Gettys Michael Fred/ Gettys Pamela	P43-80	\$ 235.68	Overpayment-Customer Sold Property
Hlavac David S/ Hlavac Laura D	P116-109	\$228.80	Overpayment-Customer Sold Property
Fassbender-Godoy Peter	Vehicle	\$165.56	Vehicle Sold-Tag Turned In
Monterisi Francesco	Vehicle	\$ 212.61	Vehicle Sold-Tag Turned In

TOTAL: \$ 1,772.04

Memorandum

To: Polk County Board of Commissioners

From: Melissa O'Loughlin, Polk County Tax Administrator

Date: 7/18/2023

Re: Refund Request

<u>Taxpayer</u>	<u>Parcel</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Godlock Joe	Vehicle	\$ 107.16	Vehicle-Sold-Tag Turned In
Climer Ronnie Duncan	P116-92	\$ 104.78	Overpayment-Property Sold
Miller Brenda Bailey	P37-73	\$ 132.99	Overpayment-Law Firm overpaid
Radotic Steve C/ Radotic Therese S	P55-426	\$ 2,839.89	Overpayment-Property Sold

TOTAL: \$3,184.82

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ATTACHMENTS:

Description

Budget Amendment

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7/6/2023

Budget Addition
Amendment # : 1

POLK COUNTY FINANCE
BUDGET AMENDMENT: Addition
DATE: 7/24/2023 BOC Meeting
Dept.: Library

Batch #
Line#

INCREASE Expenditure

GL ACCOUNT #	Amount
Expenditures	
10-6110-5000-0	\$ 16,500
Capital	

\$ 16,500

INCREASE Revenue

GL ACCOUNT #	Amount
Revenues	
10-3315-3661	\$ (16,500)
Library Grants	

\$ (16,500)

EXPLANATION: Carolina Foothills Foundation grant for Charlie Cart mobile kitchen for library programs

New Funding Source

Date approved & entered into the BOC minutes

COUNTY MANAGER

FINANCE OFFICER

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

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ATTACHMENTS:

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Annual Report	Cover Memo	7/6/2023

2022
ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE
POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FROM THE
POLK COUNTY COMMUNITY
CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION AND PROTECTION TEAM

TEAM MEMBERS

Dr. John Kornmayer, Team Chair
Crystal Gonzales, Polk County Division of Public Health
Josh Kennedy, Director, Polk County HHSA
Thomas Adkin, Consolidated Human Services Board
Lee Bradley, District Administrator GAL Program
Toni Haley, Polk County Schools
Dr. Gordon Schneider, LifeSpan Psychological
Lynne Barnette, Vaya
Andre Overholt, County Commissioner
Andrew Murry, District Attorney
Cathy Brooks, Partnership for Children of the Foothills
Mary Edwards, Be A Voice 4 Kids
Libby Chavez, Steps to Hope
Dawn Cronan, Juvenile Court Counselor
Courtney Edney, Polk County Schools Head Start
Michael Crater, Emergency Medical Services
Pam Cannon, Polk County Sheriff's Dept
Dr. George Kim

DSS Staff
Josh Kennedy, Director
Kim Wilson, Senior Program Manager
Robin Elliott, Service Supervisor
Lorna Tessneer, Services Supervisor

Submitted – June 2023

**POLK COUNTY COMMUNITY
CHILD FATALITY PREVENTION AND PROTECTION TEAM**

2022 REPORT TO THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

History of the Team:

In response to Executive Order 142 issued in May 1991, the North Carolina General Assembly established the "Child Fatality Prevention System" as codified in Chapter 7B Juvenile Code Article 14. The General Assembly found that the prevention of the abuse, neglect, and death of juveniles is a community responsibility; that professionals from different disciplines have responsibilities for children or juveniles and have expertise that can promote their safety and well-being; and that multidisciplinary reviews of the abuse, neglect and death of juveniles can lead to a greater understanding of the causes and methods of preventing these deaths.

The purpose of the Child Fatality Prevention and Protection System is to assess the records of selected cases in which children are being served by child protective services and the records of all deaths of children in North Carolina from birth to age 18 in order to:

- (i) Develop a communitywide approach to the problem of child abuse and neglect;
- (ii) Understand the causes of childhood deaths;
- (iii) Identify any gaps or deficiencies that may exist in the delivery of services to children and their families by public agencies that are designed to prevent future child abuse, neglect, or death; and
- (iv) Make and implement recommendations for changes to laws, rules and policies that will support the safe and healthy development of our children and prevent future child abuse, neglect and death.

Community Child Protection Teams and Child Fatality Prevention Teams were established in every North Carolina County in 1993. The Director of the Polk County Division of Social Services established the local Community Child Protection Team. The Health Director for the Rutherford / Polk / McDowell Health District established a separate Child Fatality Prevention Team. The Polk County Community Child Protection and Child Fatality Prevention Teams combined into one team in 1994 for meetings to cover both mandates. Team membership and operating procedures were updated during 2013 when the team officially combined into one team.

Purpose of the Team:

The Polk County Community Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Team is an interdisciplinary group of community representatives who meet to promote a community-wide approach to the problem of child abuse, neglect and dependency. Through collaboration and advocacy, the community is engaged to look within itself to access how resources and services promote child protection and help keep our children safe and healthy. Both families and communities have benefited from the community approach to child protection.

The local purpose of reviewing child abuse and neglect cases is to identify whether gaps and deficiencies exist in the child protective service system; identify needed resources in the community; and to assist the County Director of Social Services in planning for needed services to prevent further abuse or neglect. The team reviews substantiated cases of abuse and severe neglect when it seems there were gaps in services that could have prevented the problem and all deaths of children under the age of 18.

The Polk County Community Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Team meet bi monthly and met five (5) times during 2022: March 16, May 18, July 20, September 21 and November 16. No meeting was held in January due to weather related closures of county offices. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic all meetings since March 2020 have been held virtually. The Annual Report to the Commissioners will be presented July 2023.

During 2022, the Team accomplished the following:

- Community Awareness
 - April – Child Abuse Awareness Month
 - Proclamations of April as Child Abuse Awareness in the towns/cities of Tryon, Columbus, and Saluda, and Polk County.
 - Child Abuse Awareness Event was held on April 9th with local community partners bringing together over 30 service providers, and providing a free fun day for children and families. Approximately 1100 people attended the event.
 - Planted Pinwheel Gardens were planted throughout the county
 - Yard signs, banners and pole banners were displayed across the county
 - Hosted QPR April 28 2022 training in conjunction w/ Vaya Health, DSS, and WithAll
 - Hosted 3 additional awareness trainings w/ DSS, Vaya and WithAll
 - 2 sessions of QPR training September 22, 2022
 - Youth Mental Health First Aid December 8, 2022

Case Reviews

During 2022, three hundred ten (310) Child Protection reports were made to Polk County Division of Social Services concerning children and families in Polk. Of these reports, two hundred forty one (241) met the legal criteria for an assessment / investigation to be conducted on the allegations of abuse, neglect or dependency by a parent or caretaker. Polk County Division of Social Services provided Child Protective Services to an average of one hundred thirty two (132) children each month.

The Community Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Team reviewed three (3) Child Protective Services cases during 2022 and one State Child Fatality Prevention Case.

The one (1) Community Child Fatality Prevention case reviewed involved a neonatal death at 20 weeks gestation with spontaneous preterm labor due to Chorioamnionitis. There were no issues of substance misuse involved. The family had access to and received prenatal care. There were medical risk factors for pre-term labor such as the mother's diabetes, obesity, concurrent Covid infection, and lack of Covid vaccination. No NICU was available at the hospital where delivery occurred. The team recommended more awareness regarding risks of pre-term birth related to Covid infection and recommendation of vaccination for pregnant women. No system problems were identified.

The (3) **Child Protective Services** case reviews included 1 case involving allegations of sexual abuse, 2 cases involving allegations of physical abuse, and 3 cases involving neglect. 2 of the cases involved allegations of abuse and neglect of children with special needs. Specifically, the cases included allegations of substance use/abuse, lack of child development knowledge, physical & sexual and emotional abuse and a belief in abusive/harsh discipline.

The issues presented in previous Reports to Commissioners remain the same. Substance abuse, mental health, unstable living situations, inadequate parenting, domestic violence, etc., all impact the health and wellness of families affected by child abuse and neglect and thus our entire community. In your role as Polk County Commissioner, we ask each of you to join us in a commitment this year to make changes in the lives of our children and families.

The Team developed these recommendations as a guide to improve local systems of care and highlight areas in which services could be improved for children and families state-wide to protect children better in the future. It cannot be known what impact, if any, these recommendations could have had on the reviewed case if they had been in place at the time; however, an investment in prevention NOW and for the next several years will be much more cost effective than waiting until after abuse or adverse experiences occur. The benefits of prevention far outweigh the costs of remediation when our society continues to pay for the results of child abuse and neglect.

During the reviews, the following were identified by the Team relating to child maltreatment:

Contributory Factors

- Substance misuse
- inconsistent medical care
- Belief in harsh/abusive discipline
- Lack of early intervention services
- Lack of appropriate family and social supports
- Family isolation
- No follow up after a hospitalization to ensure recommended treatment is obtained.
- Under /unemployment
- Lack of child development knowledge
- Minimal parenting knowledge/skills
- Parent/caretaker's history of trauma
- Mental Health needs of the parents/children
- Children who are homeschooled are often not identified for exceptional children's services

Gaps in Services, system deficiencies or other barriers to child protection

- Comprehensive community awareness and education on substance use disorder and domestic violence including the link between domestic violence and sexual abuse.
- Inadequate mental health and substance misuse treatment services including but not limited to peer support, aftercare, and affordable inpatient treatment for individuals without a pay source.
- Case management for individuals involved in services provided by multiple agencies to include hospitals which would ensure children and families followed up with recommended treatment, and/or were visited following a missed appointment.
- Funding to creatively develop local services addressing mental health services.
- A universal EMR to track health needs and health history of children to ensure appropriate care is provided when parents change providers or when a child has a change of caregiver/parent.
- Lack of court oversight to ensure legal transfer of custody to an appropriate caregiver in all situations.
- Education about safe touch and consistent screening for sexual abuse.
- There is inadequate access to comprehensive mental health and substance abuse services within Polk County, due in part to a shortage of mental health professionals.
Additionally, there is not sufficient integration of care between medical and mental health providers. Coordination of treatment between separate health care and treatment providers is often hampered by privacy protections and the absence of routine processes for coordinating parallel care for individuals with co-occurring disorders and/or conditions.
- Polk County would benefit from enhanced evidenced-based parenting education focused on trauma and special needs.
- Polk County needs trauma prevention or reduction services, and services to foster resilience from adverse childhood experiences. Primary care providers and other trained professionals commonly screen young children for trauma symptoms using the Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE) inventory. In follow-up, interventions are needed to mitigate some potential harmful outcomes that the screening identifies.
- County child welfare services need increased funding to support prevention, family preservation and reunification services for parents and other caretakers whose children are involved in the child welfare system or at risk for CPS involvement.
- Polk County does not currently have a day care provider operating in Polk County.

Strategies to address gaps in services, system deficiencies, or other barriers to child protection

- The Polk County Joint Community Child Protection Fatality Prevention Team will explore a county-wide campaign to reduce stigma associated with mental health and substance use disorders. Additionally, the team should continue conversations with Vaya Health about the need to recruit more behavioral health programs and providers to Polk County to ensure a more comprehensive continuum of care from education and prevention through high intensity services.
- The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) should continue its work to integrate physical, behavioral health provide continuity of care for clients over time. The workgroup should further

explore a universal system for sharing electronic medical records between healthcare providers, allowing physicians and clinicians to quickly access patient information and facilitate better clinical decision-making.

- In conjunction with other community agencies and partners provide community education of mandating reporting laws, how to report, signs of child maltreatment, and the impact of child abuse and neglect across micro, mezzo, and macro levels.
- Support distribution of Stewards of Children and Darkness to Light Training
- Polk County's network of health care providers and educators are encouraged to provide evidence-based health and sex education for all community members. Curriculum should teach youth and adults about safe touch, how to create and sustain safe, healthy and respectful relationships, what consent looks like, how certain factors influence sexual risk behavior, the benefits of being sexually abstinent, the efficacy of contraceptives, the importance of using contraceptives consistently and correctly, the importance of using a condom at the same time as another form of contraception to prevent both sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and pregnancy, healthy communication and negotiation skills, goal-setting and decision-making skills, how HIV and other STIs are transmitted and the health consequences of each, how to influence and support others to avoid or reduce sexual risk behaviors, the importance of limiting the number of sexual partners, and how to access valid and reliable information, products and services related to sexual health and preventive care.
- The Polk County Joint Community Child Protection Fatality Prevention Team should consider and evaluate ways to educate the public about the need for comprehensive health and sex education and explore ways to increase access to a range of birth control options.
- Engage the local District Attorney's Office in having treatment ordered as a part of sentencing for persons who are convicted for offenses that involve substance abuse.
- DHHS should consider re-implementing a service definition and funding for at-risk case management services for individuals with high ACES scores needing evidence-based interventions.
- Advocate for resources and a process for civil custody cases to undergo a more thorough evaluation of the parents, or prospective custodian.
- The Polk County Joint Community Child Protection Fatality Prevention Team should consider advocating for, recruiting, and supporting the implementation and sustainability of evidence-based behavioral health interventions, such as parenting education, family therapy, and individualized treatment for children and families facing adversities and adults suffering from the effects of adverse childhoods. The team should additionally explore a public awareness campaign to build awareness of trauma and foster resilience within the community.
- DSS should consider advocating expanding state funding for prevention, preservation and reunification services, especially in rural counties where resources are scarce.

Conclusion

Our children are the future, and their vision for Polk County will be a reflection of our efforts.

Every child deserves to wake up to a loving family, play in a safe community, and fall asleep with a smile as they dream about the wonders of tomorrow.

(Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina)

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: F.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description

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Cover Memo

7/17/2023

COUNTY OF POLK, NORTH CAROLINA

PROJECT BUDGET ORDINANCE Co-Wide Communication

BUDGET EXPENDITURES

				Amended 2/15/2021	Amended 7/24/2023
	Original Budget	4/20/2020			
Capital Improvements	41-4325-5000-0	\$ 201,510	\$	861,476	\$ 911,476
Total Expenditures		\$ 201,510	\$	861,476	\$ 911,476

REVENUES

Transfer-in GF	41-3981-9800	\$ 201,510	\$	861,476	\$ 861,476
Approp Fund Balance -	41-3991-0000				50,000
(Law Enf project sales tax refund)					
Total Revenues		\$ 201,510	\$	861,476	\$ 911,476

04/20/2020: Recording system replacement/FCC licenses/radio equipment replacements
(Originally budgeted in the General Fund but will cross fiscal years and have additions as the project expands)

02/15/2021: Polk County GEN1 Nexedge System - 6 Sites, 5 channels per site to connect;
connecting to Henderson County's Nexedge System
(Added \$659,966 to project for expansion of the County-wide Communication Project)

7/24/23: To increase project in order to complete the project using funds received from sales tax refunded in FY19

Date approved & entered into the BOC minutes

COUNTY MANAGER

FINANCE OFFICER

-Project Ordinance: Co-Wide Comm

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Prioritization 7	Cover Memo	7/19/2023

Possible Carryover Projects for Prioritization 7

SPOT ID: H192236

Mode: Highway

Project Category: Regional Impact

Route: NC 108

From / Cross Street: Government Complex Drive

Description: Modernize roadway to current NCDOT standards, upgrade intersections, add pedestrian facilities

Specific Improvement Type: 16-Modernize Roadway

Cost: \$24,500,000

Regional Impact score: 32.26

Division Needs Score: 26.98

Primary Purpose: Improve mobility reliability and Safety between Columbus and US 74 & NC 9. Improve access to Polk County High School, Polk County Middle School, Polk county Recreation Complex, and Industrial park.

SPOT ID: H191392

Mode: Highway

Project Category: Regional Impact

Route: NC 108

From / Cross Street: Harmon Field Road

Description: Improve Intersection

Specific Improvement Type: 10-Improve Intersection

Cost: \$3,100,000

Regional Impact Score: 30.93

Division Needs Score: 23.50

Primary Purpose: Improve traffic flow and safety by improving the intersection

SPOT ID: H191393

Mode: Highway

Project Category: Division Needs

Route: SR 1326 (Coxe Road)

From / Cross Street: Pea Ridge Road, Sandy Plains Road

Description: Improve Intersection

Specific Improvement Type: 10-Improve Intersection

Cost: \$2,900,000

Division Needs Score: 22.28

Primary Purpose: Improve safety and mobility by improving the intersection

SPOT ID: H192213

Mode: Highway

Project Category: Regional Impact

Route: NC 108

From / Cross Street: Government Complex Drive

Description: Construct one lane roundabout on NC 108 at Government Complex Drive

Specific Improvement Type: 10-Improve Intersection

Cost: \$2,900,000

Regional Impact Score: 29.95

Division Needs Score: 22.09

Primary Purpose: Improve mobility on NC 108 to downtown Columbus and US 74

SPOT ID: H141905

Project Category: Statewide Mobility

Route: US 74

From / Cross Street: I-26

To / Cross Street: West Terminus of the future Shelby Bypass

Description: Upgrade freeway to interstate standards

Specific Improvement Type: 17 - Upgrade Freeway to Interstate Standards

Cost: \$155,800,000

Statewide Mobility Score: 69.56

Regional Impact Score: 41.78

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JCPC County Plan	Cover Memo	7/19/2023
JCPC County Certification Standard	Cover Memo	7/6/2023

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the County Funding Plan and the members as presented.

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council County Plan

Polk County

For FY 2023-2024

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Attachments:

Executive Summary

The Polk County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC), in fulfillment of the duties and responsibilities as set forth in the General Statutes of the State of North Carolina, has reviewed and updated this County Plan for FY 2023-2024. In 2019, House Bill 593 passed which approved an optional 1 or 2-year funding cycle for DPS JCPC funds, which is determined locally by each JCPC statewide. Also included in the HB was Raise the Age in N.C. which directs 16 & 17 years old from District Court to Juvenile Court. In order to see any new possible trends in juvenile justice data (now serving 16- & 17-year-old) and to plan programming in the community accordingly, the Polk County JCPC approved a 1 (one) year funding cycle. Data continues to be monitored by the JCPC annually which provides direction to which funding cycle is most beneficial to the community and Council.

The JCPC has identified the issues and factors which have an influence and impact upon vulnerable youth, at-risk youth, delinquent youth, and their families in Polk County. Further, the JCPC has identified the strategies and services most likely to reduce/prevent delinquent behavior.

Monitoring and Evaluation: Each program funded in the past fiscal year by the JCPC has been monitored by the JCPC Monitoring Committee and programs were found in full compliance with DPS JCPC Policy and within the operating parameters of their budget and, providing the services as described in their program agreement. The monitoring results and program outcome evaluations were considered in making funding allocation decisions. The JCPC will continue to conduct annual implementation monitoring of its funded programs.

Priorities for Funding: Through a review of risk & needs assessment data, the Youth Assessment Screening Inventory (YASI) data and a community resource assessment, the JCPC has determined that the following services are needed to reduce/prevent delinquency in Polk County.

1. Parent/Family Skill Building
2. Interpersonal Skill Building
3. Tutoring/Academic Enhancement
4. Mediation/Conflict Resolution
5. Restitution/Community Service
6. Teen Court
7. Psychological Assessments
8. Home Based Family Counseling
9. Individual/Group/Mixed Counseling
10. Substance Abuse Counseling
11. Temporary Shelter Care
12. Juvenile Structured Day

Funding Recommendations: Having advertised a Request for Proposals (RFP) for these needed services for a minimum of thirty (30) days, the JCPC has screened the submitted proposals and has determined which proposals best meet the advertised needed services. As required by statute, the JCPC recommends allocation of the NC Department of Public, Division of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention funds to the following programs in the amounts specified below for the upcoming fiscal year: (Also, see the Polk County Funding Plan with this report.)

If applicable, please note which programs were funded for two years.

1. Aspire – Kids at Work! - \$39,634
2. Project Challenge - \$24,366
3. Vocational Directions - \$ 16,704

The JCPC further recommends that the following amount be allocated for the administrative costs of the Council for fiscal year 23-24: \$2,700.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynne Barnette, Chair, Polk County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

Date: _____

Available Funds: \$ 83,404 Local Match: \$ 16,141 Rate: _____

#	Program Provider	DPS-JCPC Funding	LOCAL FUNDING			OTHER	OTHER	Total	% Non DPS-JCPC Program Revenues
			County Cash Match	Local Cash Match	Local In-Kind	State/Federal	Funds		
1	JCPC Admin	\$2,700						\$2,700	
2	Aspire Youth and Family kids at work	\$39,634	\$7,927					\$47,561	17%
3	Project Challenge	\$24,366	\$4,873					\$29,239	17%
4	Aspire Youth and Family vocational directions	\$16,704	\$3,341					\$20,045	17%
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	TOTALS:	\$83,404	\$16,141					\$99,545	16%

Amount of Unallocated Funds

Amount of funds reverted back to OPS

Discretionary Funds added

check type ☒ initial plan ☐ update ☐ final

Chairperson, Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (Date)

Chairperson, Board of County Commissioners (Date)
or County Finance Officer

Vehicle type	☐ pickup truck	☐ station	☐ other
---DPS Use Only---			
Reviewed by	Area Consultant	Date	
Reviewed by	Person Assistant	Date	
Verified by	Designated State Office Staff	Date	

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Organization

FY 23-24	Name	Organization	Title
Chairperson	Lynne Barnette	VAYA Health	Care Manager
Vice-Chairperson	N/A	N/A	N/A
Secretary			
Treasurer			
Assessment Committee Chairperson			
Funding Committee Chairperson			

Number of members for FY 23-24:

14

List meeting dates during the current fiscal year and identify the number of JCPC members in attendance for each.

Meeting Date	Number of Members in Attendance	Quorum Present? Yes/No
9/16/2022	4	No
10/21/2022	6	No
11/18/2022	8	Yes
No Dec MTG	-	-
1/20/2023	8	Yes
2/17/2023	10	Yes
3/17/2023	5	No
4/21/2023	10	Yes
5/19/2023	7	No

SUMMARY REPORT OF THE POLK COUNTY RISK AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

- I. YASI
- II. Summary of Existing Resources
- III. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Community Continuum
- IV. Proposed Priority Services for Funding

Part I. YASI

The Risk and Needs Assessment Committee reviewed data gleaned from the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI) from July 1, 2021, thru June 30, 2022. This is a **new measurement tool** administered by Juvenile Court Counselors after juveniles are referred with a complaint alleging that a delinquent act has occurred and prior to adjudication of the juvenile. The YASI is an innovative juvenile risk assessment that measures risk, need, and protective factors in at-risk and juvenile justice-involved youth. The assessment addresses twelve domains: Legal History, Family, Basic Needs, School, Community and Peers, Alcohol and Drugs, Mental Health, Physical Health, Aggression, Attitudes, Skills, and Employment and Free Time. There is both a pre-screen assessment and a full assessment.

According to the US Census, the approximate population of youth between the ages of 6 and 17 for Polk County is 2,317. During the fiscal year of 2021 – 2022, Polk County Juvenile Court Services staff completed 21 YASI assessments. The data provided below is based on the risk, needs and strengths that are noted at the first assessment by Juvenile Justice at intake: __

General Observations and Points of Interest

Risk Level – 10 or 48% of the 21 assessed youth exhibited low risks. This is higher than the state's rate of 40%.

Needs Level – 13 or 32% of the 21 assessed youth exhibited very low needs. This is significantly higher than the state's rate of 37%.

Strengths Level – 10 or 48% of the 21 assessed youth exhibited very high strengths level. This is higher than the state's rate of 32%.

The youth of Polk County are low risk, have very low needs and have very high strengths levels.

Legal History

Q1 Previous Delinquent Referrals – 10 or 48% of the 21 assessed youth had previous delinquent referrals. This is higher than the state's rate of 38% and is something that needs to be observed.

Q4 Felony Referrals to DJJ – 9 or 43% of the 21 assessed youth had previous felony referrals. This is higher than the state's rate of 36% and is something that needs to be observed.

Q10 Detention Admissions – 3 or 14% of the 21 assessed youth had previous detention admissions. This is very close to the state's rate of 19%. Currently, the juvenile detention facilities in North Carolina are experiencing a staffing crisis with a 40%-60% vacancy rate.

Family Domain – There were 21 assessed for this domain.

Q1 Runaway – 9 or 43% of the 21 assessed youth have run away from home and/or placement before. This is significantly higher than the state's rate of 22%. The County is seeing an increase in juveniles being placed in foster care. At the time of this report there were 48 juveniles in foster care.

****Q4 Family Alcohol/Substance Abuse & Mental Health** – 6 or 29% of the 21 assessed youth had family members with alcohol and/or substance abuse issues compared to the state's rate of 17%. 6 or 29% of the 21 assessed youth had family members with mental health issues compared to the state's rate of 15%. While both are significantly higher than the State rates, these numbers are still estimated to be under-reported.**

Q6 Living Arrangements – 5 or 24% of the 21 assessed youth are living in foster care or independent living. This is significantly higher than the state's rate of 10%. Foster Care is a big concern for the juveniles in Polk County. At the time of this report there were 48 juveniles in foster care. There are many times when DSS Social Workers stay overnight with juveniles in the offices so that the juveniles will have a safe place to sleep until placement can be found.

School Domain – The school domain did not apply to three youth. There were 18 assessed for this domain.

Q1 School Enrollment – 18 or 100% of the 18 assessed youth were enrolled full-time in school.

Q2 Attendance – 12 or 67% of the 18 assessed youth attend school regularly. This is higher than the state's rate of 51%. Polk County Youth are enrolled in school, attending regularly and are receiving passing grades.

Q12 School Activities – 5 or 28% of the 18 assessed youth were interested in school activities but they were not involved in those activities. This is lower than the state's rate of 29%. 5 or 28% of the 18 assessed youth had no interest and were not involved in school activities; compared to the state's rate of 32%. There is a need for school based pro-social activities for the juveniles in Polk County.

****Alcohol/Drugs Domain**** – The following data from the alcohol/drug domain represents juveniles that answered "Yes" to alcohol and/or drug usage. The Council makes note that these numbers may be under reported. Out of 21 total youth assessed for Polk County, only 11 or 52% of the youth answered "Yes" to alcohol and/or drug use. This is significantly higher than the state's rate of 38%.

****Q1 Age at 1st Use** – 7 or 64% of the youth that answered "Yes" to alcohol and/or drug use admitted to using for the first time between the ages of 12-15. This is lower than the state's rate of 79%.

****Q1 Use Disrupts Function** – 1 or 9% of the youth that answered “Yes” to alcohol and/or drug use stated that the usage disrupted their daily functions. This typically indicates that treatment is warranted. This is lower than the state’s rate of 27%.

****Q3 Previous Alcohol/Drug Treatment** – 3 or 27% of the youth that answered “Yes” to alcohol and/or drug use have had no previous alcohol and/or drug treatment. This is lower than the state’s rate of 64%.

****Mental Health Domain**** – The mental health domain applied to all 21 assessed youth. The council would like to recognize that mental health problems are a pervasive illness that is deeply affecting children’s education, safety, aggression, and futures. Untreated mental and behavioral health issues can have profound consequences on the trajectory of a child’s life. 16 of the 21 assessed youth (76%) answered yes to not only having mental health problems but to being diagnosed with a mental health disorder.

****Q1 Current/Past Treatment/Medication** – 13 or 62% of the 21 assessed youth were currently receiving mental health treatment or had received treatment in the past. This is higher than the state’s rate of 44%, but this number may be underreported.

Q5 History of Abuse – 3 or 14 of the 21 assessed youth had some type of physical abuse history. This is higher than the state’s rate of 10%. The council felt a need to keep this due to the high number of juveniles in DSS custody. ****Also, 4 or 19% of the 21 assessed youth had some type of sexual abuse history. This is also significantly higher than the state’s rate of 8%, and the council recognizes that this may be underreported.****

Q6 Victimization History – 3 or 14% of the 21 assessed youth were considered to have some type of sexual vulnerability. This is double the state’s rate of 7%. Also, 3 or 14% of the 21 assessed youth had been a victim of bullying. This is also higher than the state’s rate of 10%.

****Under Reported**

Part II. Summary of the Existing Community Resources

JCPC Funded Programs 2022 – 2023

- kids at work! Polk – Interpersonal Skill Building Program
- Project Challenge – Community Service and Restitution Program
- vocational directions Polk – Community Service and Restitution Program

Department of Public Safety – Community Programs Funded Programs

- Treatment Alternatives for Sexualized Kids (TASK) (Iredell) – Intensive intervention
- Methodist Home for Children, Inc. Multi-Purpose Group Home – Macon
- Western Area Multi-Purpose Juvenile Crisis and Assessment Center
- AMI Kids North Carolina Family Services, Inc. Functional Family Therapy (FFT)
- Eckerd Connects – Short-Term Residential

Structured Activities

- Mentoring: Big Brother and Big Sister (impossible for court youth to access)
 - The Gather Community Collaborative – Steven Martinez – In the planning process
- Interpersonal Skill Building
 - Polk County's School Club and Athletics
 - Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts, Parks and Recreation, Faith Groups, 4-H, and private classes (financial barrier)
 - Steps to Hope Empower Martial Arts (adolescent skill-building karate)
- Tutoring/Academic Program: Parks and Recreations Services (After School Enrichment) (Financial Barrier) After School Program – Middle School and High School
 - High Academic – 501 C 3 providing academic assistance. Will take community referrals
- Parent Education Program: Polk County Department of Social Services (Parenting Classes) – Paused due to COVID-19
- Vocational Service
 - Career Tech (School Based/Restricted)
 - Job Corp (Restricted)
 - Vocational Rehab (17 & 18 only, but unlikely)

Restorative Services

- Project Challenge – Restitution/Community Service (JCPC Funded)
- vocational directions (VD) – Restitution/Community Service (JCPC Funded)

Community Day Programming

- ARC
- Day Treatment – direct care (unrestricted)

Clinical Treatment

- Crisis Counseling: Mobile Crisis (Individual)
- Family Preservation – Medicaid/Indigent Services: substance abuse (limited)
- Counseling: Private sector providers
- Intensive In-Home Counseling: MST – Youth Villages, Family Preservation Services
- Children's Hope Alliance – TASK (Sexually Aggressive Youth)
- Vaya LME: Private Sector Providers
- Medication Management
- Equine Therapy – Guiding Reigns and Promise Ponies Ministry

- Family Functional Therapy

Residential Services

- Tarheel Challenge Academic Program (Limited and Restricted)
- Job Corp (Restricted)
- Therapeutic Foster Care
- Eckerd Connects
- Respite (Limited)
- Enhanced Services – Children’s Hope Alliance (Sexual aggressive youth residential treatment)
- Foster Homes/Group Residential Program (Restricted Based on Funding)
- Domestic Violence Shelter – Steps to Hope (Restricted to victims of Domestic Violence)

Part III. Summary of Gaps and Barriers in the Continuum of Services

Structured Activities

- Mentoring (Limited Access for Court involved youth)
- Tutoring/Academic Enhancement (Restricted and Limited)
- Parent Training/Family Skill Building (Limited)
- Experiential Skill Building (Limited)
- Vocational Skill Building (Restricted)
- Interpersonal Skills (JCPC funded program would not be available without JCPC Funds)
- Mediation/Conflict Resolution (Not available in the community, but highly needed)

Restorative Services

- Restitution/Community Services (JCPC funded programs would not be available without JCPC Funds)
- Teen Court (Not available in the community, but highly needed and wanted)

Clinical Treatment

- Psychological Assessment (Time Barrier, not JCPC Funded)
- Home Based Counseling (Limited)
- Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment for Youth (Hard to Access and Limited)
- Sex Offender Treatment (Limited)
- Sex Offender Assessment (Limited)
- Psychological Educational Counseling

Residential Services

- High need for residential services.
- Group Home for Delinquent – Level III Youth and Post Release Youth (Limited and Hard to Access)
- Foster Care for Pre-Adjudicated youth through Post Released Youth (Hard to Access)
- Runaway Shelter in Buncombe County recently closed.
- Temporary Shelter Care – No good option for youth with high needs or in a crisis situation.

Gaps and Barriers to JCPC Programs and other Community Programs

- Lack of therapeutic foster care placements
- Families not having insurance or having the ability to pay copays or deductibles for health or behavioral health care
- Youth and families feeling isolated from peers, family and community
- Lack of availability of residential placements for PRTF or Level III
- Transportation
- Food insecurity
- Increased stressors on youth and families caused by COVID 19 pandemic
- Traumatic experiences that impact youth and parents
- Difficulty in scheduling health or behavior health appointments or psychiatric appointments

Part IV. Proposed Priority Services for Funding

The committee compared the services needed to address the elevated Juvenile Risk Factors and Juvenile Needs with services currently available in the community. Services that are currently available in the community and are sufficient to meet the needs of court involved youth or those youth most at risk for court involvement are not considered as a priority for JCPC funding.

The Committee proposes that the following services be approved as the funding priorities in no particular order and advertised in the Request for Proposal for FY 2023-2024.

PRIORITIES FOR FY 2023-2024:

- Substance Abuse Assessment/Treatment
- Interpersonal Skills Building
- Restitution/Community Service
- Temporary Shelter
- Parenting/Family Skill Building
- Crisis Counseling
- Psychological Assessment
- Mediation
- Structure Day
- Home Based Family Counseling
- Tutoring/Academic Enhancement
- Teen Court

Polk County Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Request for Proposals										
\$83,404 Anticipated County Allocation	20% Required Local Match Rate	January 21st, 2022 Date Advertised								
The Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) has studied the risk factors and needs of Juvenile Court involved youth in this county and hereby publishes this Request for Proposals. The JCPC anticipates funds from the NC Dept. of Public Safety Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention in the amount stated above to fund the program types specified below. Such programs will serve delinquent and at-risk youth for the state fiscal year 2023-2024 beginning on, or after, <u>July 1, 2023</u>. The use of these funds in this county require a local match in the amount specified above. The county can approve programs for 1 or 2 year funding awards, dependent on county approval and programs meeting all requirements.										
Based on identified needed programs and possible gaps in the service continuum, the following checked program types will be considered for funding. <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> ☐ Mentoring Services ☒ Parent/Family Skill Building ☒ Interpersonal Skill Building ☐ Vocational Skills ☐ Experiential Skills ☒ Tutoring/Academic Enhancement ☒ Mediation/Conflict Resolution - including Truancy Mediation, Victim-Youth and Family Group Conferencing, Responsive Circles </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> ☒ Restitution/Community Service ☒ Teen Court - Including Sentencing and Responsive Circles ☒ Psychological Assessments ☐ Family Counseling ☒ Home Based Family Counseling ☒ Individual/Group/Mixed Counseling ☒ Substance Abuse Counseling </td> <td style="width: 33%; vertical-align: top;"> ☐ Services Addressing Problem Sexual Behavior ☐ Group Home ☒ Temporary Shelter Care ☐ Runaway Shelter Care ☐ Specialized Foster Care ☐ Temporary Foster Care ☒ Juvenile Structured Day </td> </tr> </table>			☐ Mentoring Services ☒ Parent/Family Skill Building ☒ Interpersonal Skill Building ☐ Vocational Skills ☐ Experiential Skills ☒ Tutoring/Academic Enhancement ☒ Mediation/Conflict Resolution - including Truancy Mediation, Victim-Youth and Family Group Conferencing, Responsive Circles	☒ Restitution/Community Service ☒ Teen Court - Including Sentencing and Responsive Circles ☒ Psychological Assessments ☐ Family Counseling ☒ Home Based Family Counseling ☒ Individual/Group/Mixed Counseling ☒ Substance Abuse Counseling	☐ Services Addressing Problem Sexual Behavior ☐ Group Home ☒ Temporary Shelter Care ☐ Runaway Shelter Care ☐ Specialized Foster Care ☐ Temporary Foster Care ☒ Juvenile Structured Day					
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Proposed program services should target the following risk factors for delinquency or repeat delinquency: Previous Delinquent Referrals, Previous Felony Referrals, Prior Detention Admissions, Runaway, Family Alcohol/Substance Abuse, Family Mental Health, Living Arrangements (Foster Care and/or Independent Living situations), Pro-Social After School Activities, Youth Alcohol/Substance Abuse, Youth Mental Health, History of physical abuse and history of sexual abuse, and History of Victimization.										
Proposed services should address the following concerns as reported in the Youth Assessment Screening Instrument (YASI) for adjudicated youth: Peer Domain: Individual Domain: Previous Delinquent Referrals, Previous Felony Referrals, Prior Detention Admissions, Alcohol/Substance Abuse, Youth Mental Health, History of victimization, Aggression (bullying/threatening, destruction of property, assaultive behavior) Family Domain: Runaway, Living Arrangements (Being in Foster Care and/or Independent Living situations), Family Alcohol/Substance Abuse, Family Mental Health School Domain: Lack of Pro-Social After-School Activities										
Applicants are being sought that are able to address items below: 1. Program services compatible with research that are shown to be effective with Juvenile offenders. 2. Program services are outcome-based. 3. The program has an evaluation component. 4. Program services detect gang participation and divert individuals from gang participation. 5. Awareness of and sensitivity to Racial Ethnic Disparity that exists in the County. 6. Programs are encouraged to provide effective programming that includes restorative justice practices.										
Only local public agencies, 501(c)(3) non-profit corporations and local housing authorities will be considered for funding.										
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In order to apply for FY 2023-2024 JCPC funding, you must complete and submit your application online by accessing NC ALLIES. Please read and follow all instructions at: https://cp.ncdjd.org/CP Additional self-help videos on the NC ALLIES webpage are available by clicking on the HELP tab. Private non-profits are also required to submit, by uploading in NC ALLIES, the following: 1) No Over Due Tax form, 2) DPS Conflict of Interest Statement, 3) Agency Conflict of Interest Policy, and 4) Proof of 501(c)(3) status. (#1 & #2 are available at the above link.) 1 PDF Copy must be emailed to the JCPC Chairperson or Designee listed above by the due date.										
An Information session will be held virtually. This meeting is mandatory for new programs who are interested in applying for funds. You must RSVP to <u>Megan Webster</u> at: <u>828-296-4744</u>.										
NOTE: For further information, or technical assistance about applying for JCPC funds in this county, contact <u>Megan Webster</u> Div. of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Area Consultant, at <u>828-296-4744</u>.										
Deadline for Online Application is: <u>February 22, 2023</u> by <u>5:00</u> P.M. LATE PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.										

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council Funding Decisions Summary

Funding Decision for:	FY 23/24	Date Completed:	4/21/2023
Program(s) Funded	Select 1-year or 2-year funding and reason(s) for Funding (Check all that apply)		
Aspire - Kids at Work!	☐ 2-year Funding approved for FY and OR ☒ 1-year Funding approved for FY23/24 Rationale for 2-year Funding approval: ☐ Funded in past years ☐ In good standing with county/JCPC and DPS (following PA, timely reports, reporting to JCPC as requested) ☐ Favorable JCPC monitoring ☐ In compliance with Consultant Monitoring ☐ Quality of Service Assessment (QOS) rating is min 70% (min. score of 14) OR progress made on PEP in QOS. ☐ Provides an essential dispositional option, explain: ☐ Meets target population as described in Program Agreement (<i>number served, and described target population</i>), with minimal exceptions (i.e. less than 10% variance) ☒ Meets funding priority ☒ Compatible with research ☒ Cost efficient ☒ Addresses reductions of complaints, violations of supervision & convictions ☒ Has evaluation component ☒ Addresses parental accountability ☐ Addresses use of alcohol/controlled substances ☐ Addresses restitution to victims ☐ Addresses gang participation ☒ Would increase funding to this service if funds were available ☐ Other Other		
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Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

Program/Component:

Project Challenge-Polk

Brief Description:

Project Challenge is a dispositional option to juvenile court allowing participants to repay or give back to their community as part of their probation requirements. Participants are given the opportunity to fulfill their obligation to the courts by completing community service and provide victims repayment of monetary loss.

Category	SPEP Score	Enhancement Opportunity	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress
Primary Service	10				
Qualifying Supplemental Service	5				
Quality of Service Delivery	17		1-Policies added to Project Challenge P & P manual covering Social Media/Report of Abuse, Neglect, or Dependency. 2-Staff required to attend ongoing training and documented. 3-Evaluation will be reviewed by Dist. Sup. & Prog. Mgr. actions taken to improve performance.	1-2 Project Challenge Program Manager 3-District Supervisor and Program Manager	1-2-3 Staff trained on all July 19, 2021
Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours	4	Improve % of juvenile receiving optimal duration	1. Schedule participants for 9 weeks in all possible cases adhering to frequency requirements in JCPC policy. 2. Communicate change and rationale to referral sources, clients, and families	1. Project Challenge Program Coordinator 2. Project Challenge Program Coordinator	1-Continue monitoring that length of stay extends the 9 weeks and frequency requirements are met. 2-Continue open communication with all involved.
Risk Level of Youth	13				
Total SPEP Score	49				
POP	57%				

This Plan is approved by:

Charles C. Ruff
Program Manager Signature

10-4-2022
Date

JCPC Chair Signature

Date

Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

Program/Component:

Polk County - Vocational Directions

Brief Description:

Vocational Directions is a restitution/community service program designed to provide juveniles with accountability for their previous actions while also learning about different careers through their exposure at various service sites. The youth learn from the individuals who work in those locations while also contributing to the site and/or those it serves. They also complete processing exercises about their past actions as well as the learning that took place as a result of the program.

ADVISORY SCORE ONLY

Category	SPEP Score	Enhancement Opportunity	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress
Primary Service	10				
Qualifying Supplemental Service	5				
Quality of Service Delivery	15	Staff Retention & Training	1. Annual Staff retreat attended by Staff, Leadership & Board; 2. committees reporting on identified training goals & objectives per positions; 3. Completing staff continuity plan; 4. Further enhancement of organizational handbook/manual outlining protocols; 5. Consistent training schedule; 6. Perfection of job descriptions	District leader/Quality Manager	Staff retreat held. Committees were organized & meeting times scheduled to maintain & cultivate training goals, areas of advanced need, refined objectives & job descriptions per staff position. Committees working on these specified areas. Handbook Completed
Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours	10				
Risk Level of Youth	13				
Total SPEP Score	53	ADVISORY SCORE ONLY			
POP	66%				

This Plan is approved by: Kimberly Castano 12.01.2022

Program Manager Signature

Date

JCPC Chair Signature

Date

Program Enhancement Plan (PEP)

Program/Component: Polk- Kids at Work

Brief Description: Kids at Work is an interpersonal skills development program based around the culinary arts. Youth are a part of the program for 16 weeks and meet for three hours once a week for instruction. The curriculum consists of 24 hands-on lessons that are designed to meet the clients unique learning style and help them apply the skills in a work environment. Youth 14 and older also complete training in ServSafe and take the certification exam. All program youth will receive a vocational assessment.

Category	SPEP Score	Enhancement Opportunity	Action Steps	Responsible Party	Progress Report: Describe progress made, include date, what has been completed, in process or no progress
Primary Service	15				
Qualifying Supplemental Service	5				
Quality of Service Delivery	12	Staff Retention & Training	1. Annual Staff retreat attended by Staff, Leadership & Board; 2. committees reporting on identified training goals & objectives per positions; 3. Completing staff continuity plan; 4. Further enhancement of organizational handbook/manual outlining protocols; 5. Consistent training schedule; 6. Perfection of Job descriptions	District leader/Quality Manager	Staff retreat held. Committees were organized & meeting times scheduled to maintain & cultivate training goals, areas of advanced need, refined objectives & job descriptions per staff position. Committees working on these specified areas. Handbook Completed
Amount of Service: Duration and Contact Hours	8				
Risk Level of Youth	0				
Total SPEP Score	40	ADVISORY SCORE ONLY			
POP	47%				

This Plan is approved by: kimberly Castano

Program Manager Signature

Date

JCPC Chair Signature

Date

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

G.S. 143B-853 allows for a 2-year funding cycle for programs that meet the requirements of the statute and have been awarded funds in a prior funding cycle. Indicate below if the JCPC plans to allow for a 1-year or 2-year funding cycle.

2-Year Funding: FY 2023-2024 and FY 2024-2025

Membership

- | | |
|---|------------|
| A. Have the members of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council been appointed by county commissioners? | <u>Yes</u> |
| B. Are members appointed for two-year terms and are those terms staggered? | <u>Yes</u> |
| C. Is membership reflective of social-economic and racial diversity of the community? | <u>Yes</u> |
| D. Does the membership of the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council reflect the required positions as provided by N.C.G.S. §143B-846? | <u>No</u> |
- If not, which positions are vacant and why?
DA, Juvenile Defense Attorney, and Chief District Judge are vacant due to other scheduled commitments.

Organization

- | | |
|---|----------------|
| A. Does the JCPC have written Bylaws? | <u>Yes</u> |
| B. Bylaws are | <u>On file</u> |
| C. Bylaws contain Conflict of Interest section per JCPC policy and procedure. | <u>Yes</u> |
| D. Does the JCPC have written policies and procedures for funding and review? | <u>Yes</u> |
| E. These policies and procedures | <u>On file</u> |
| F. Does the JCPC have officers and are they elected annually? | <u>Yes</u> |

Meetings

- | | |
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| A. JCPC meetings are considered open and public notice of meetings is provided. | <u>Yes</u> |
| B. Is a quorum defined as the majority of membership and required to be present in order to conduct business at JCPC meetings? | <u>Yes</u> |
| C. Does the JCPC meet six (6) times a year at a minimum? | <u>Yes</u> |
| D. Are minutes taken at all official meetings? | <u>Yes</u> |
| E. Are minutes distributed prior to or during subsequent meetings? | <u>Yes</u> |

Planning

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| A. Does the JCPC conduct a biennial planning process which includes a needs assessment, monitoring of programs and funding allocation process? | <u>Yes</u> |
| B. Is this Biennial Plan presented to the Board of County Commissioners and to DPS? | <u>Yes</u> |
| C. Is the Funding Plan approved by the full council and submitted to Commissioners for their approval? | <u>Yes</u> |

Public Awareness

- | | |
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| A. Does the JCPC communicate the availability of funds to all public and private non-profit agencies which serve children or their families and to other interested community members?
☒ RFP, Distribution List, and Advertisement attached | <u>Yes</u> |
| B. Does the JCPC complete a biennial needs assessment and make that information available to agencies which serve children or their families, and to interested community members? | <u>Yes</u> |

No Overdue Tax Debt

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| A. As recipient of the county DPS JCPC allocation, does the County certify that it has no overdue tax debts, as defined by N.C.G.S. §105-243.1, at the Federal, State, or local level? | <u>Yes</u> |
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JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

Briefly outline the plan for correcting any areas of standards non-compliance.

The JCPC is working to fill vacant positions.

JUVENILE CRIME PREVENTION COUNCIL CERTIFICATION STANDARDS

Instructions: N.C.G.S. § 143B-846 specifies suggested members be appointed by county commissioners to serve on local Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils. In certain categories, a designee may be appointed to serve. Please indicate the person appointed to serve in each category and his/her title. Indicate appointed members who are designees for named positions. Indicate race and gender for all appointments.

Specified Members	Name	Title	Designee	Race	Gender
1) School Superintendent or designee	Aaron Greene	Superintendent		White	Male
2) Chief of Police or designee					
3) Local Sheriff or designee	Noah Jackson	Evidence Tech	☒	White	Male
4) District Attorney or designee					
5) Chief Court Counselor or designee	Adrienne Becton-Marsh	Chief Court Counselor		Black or African-American	Female
6) Director, Local Management Entity/Managed Care Organization (LME/MCO), or designee	Lynn Barnette	Care Coordinator	☒	White	Female
7) Director DSS or designee	Kim Wilson	Social Work Supervisor	☒	White	Female
8) County Manager or designee	Ange High	Clerk/County Manager Assistant	☒	White	Female
9) Substance Abuse Professional					
10) Member of Faith Community	Jackie Johnson	Faith		Black or African-American	Female
11) County Commissioner	Myron Yoder	County Commissioner		White	Male
12) A Person Under the Age of 21					
13) A Person Under the Age of 21, or a member of the public representing the interests of families of at-risk juveniles					
14) Juvenile Defense Attorney					
15) Chief District Judge or designee					
16) Member of Business Community	Terry Palmer	Direct Care		Black or African-American	Female
17) Local Health Director or designee	Brittany Matson	HHS Agency	☒	White	Female
18) Rep. United Way/other non-profit					
19) Representative/Parks and Rec	Laura Baird	Recreation Coordinator		White	Female
20) County Commissioner appointee	Kevin Blackwell	Guardian Ad Litem		White	Male
21) County Commissioner appointee	Lee Bradley	Guardian Ad Litem		White	Male
22) County Commissioner appointee					
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26) County Commissioner appointee					

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 10.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
NBPSCF	Cover Memo	7/19/2023
Local Gov. Request	Cover Memo	7/18/2023
Budget Amendment	Cover Memo	7/19/2023

**DISTRIBUTION REQUEST
NEEDS-BASED PUBLIC SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND
NORTH CAROLINA EDUCATION LOTTERY**
Date of Request: 7/18/2023

DPI USE ONLY
Approved:
Date:

County: Polk
Address: 40 Courthouse St., PO Box 308 Columbus, NC 28722
LEA: Polk County Schools (750)
Address: 125 East Mills St., Columbus, NC 28722

Contact Person: Brandon Schweitzer
Title: Director of Operations
Phone: 828-894-1023
Email: bschweitzer@polkschools.org

Project Title: Tryon Elementary PreK Expansion
Project Address: 100 School Pl., Tryon, NC 28782

The Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund is governed by Article 38B of GS 115C-546. The purpose of the NBPSCF is to assist counties with their critical public school building capital needs. Grant funds may be used for construction of new public school buildings, as well as additions, repairs, and renovations to existing public school buildings. Grant funds cannot be used for real property acquisition, or for capital improvements to administrative buildings. Grant funds may be utilized for a lease agreement per GS 115C-546.13. **Do Not use this Distribution Request Form for lease payments.**

Total Project Costs (per signed agreement)	State Grant		Local Match		Total
Planning / Design	\$	+	\$	=	\$
Construction	\$ 1,300,000.00	+	\$ 65,000.00	=	\$ 1,365,000.00
Other	\$	+	\$	=	\$
Total	\$ 1,300,000.00	+	\$ 65,000.00	=	\$ 1,365,000.00

Design Firm: Pinnacle Architecture

Date of Design Contract: 10/10/2022

Bid Date (☒ actual ☐ estimated): 4/6/2022

General Contractor: Champion Construction

Date of Construction Contract: 3/14/2023

Construction Start Date (☒ actual ☐ estimated): 5/1/2023

Completion Date (☐ actual ☒ estimated): 1/31/2024

Local Matching Fund Requirement: 1:1 | 1:3 ---- or ---- 0% | ☒ 5% | 15% | 25% | 35%

Source(s) of matching funds: Local Capital Funding

Project Costs (as of date): \$743,660.00	State Grant		Local Match		Total
Planning / Design	\$	+	\$	=	\$
Construction	\$ 157,677.39	+	\$ 7,883.86	=	\$ 165,561.25
Other	\$	+	\$	=	\$
Total	\$ 157,677.39	+	\$ 7,883.86	=	\$ 165,561.25

Grant Funds Requested	All Prior Requests		This Request		Total
Planning / Design	\$	+	\$	=	\$
Construction	\$ 77,538.10	+	\$ 80,139.29	=	\$ 157,677.39
Other	\$	+	\$	=	\$
Total	\$ 77,538.10	+	\$ 80,139.29	=	\$ 157,677.39

Supporting Documentation: At DPI's request, submit documentation to DPI substantiating project expenditures identified here.

Reporting Requirements

We, the undersigned, agree to submit a report describing the progress of this project, including State and Local amounts expended, as follows: 1) with each distribution request; 2) annually on or before April 1 of each year; and 3) within 90 days following completion of the project (final payment). We certify that the project herein described is within the parameters set forth in Article 38B of GS 115C-546, and that all the required local funding is available and designated as a Local Match for this project. We certify that Local Matching Funds are derived from non-State and non-Federal funds and will be expended along with Needs-Based Grant funds as the project progresses.

(Signature - Chair, County Commissioners)

(Date)

(Signature - Chair, Board of Education)

(Date)

Polk County Schools



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Sandra Hughes
Finance Officer
Polk County Government

Jul 18, 2023

Dear Sandra,

Polk County Schools is requesting the transfer of **\$532,823.31** from the County's Capital Reserve account. The funds will be used to reimburse Polk County Schools for capital expenses paid to date.

Project	Amount to Reimburse Schools
District - Access Points (Local Share from Grant)	\$26,973.43
District - Maintenance Vehicle (Dump Truck)	\$36,000.00
District - Activity Bus (Local Share from Grant)	\$35,000.00
District - Network Server Refresh	\$41,258.88
PCEC - Security Cameras/Door Access Controls	\$15,923.00
PCHS - Campus Paving (Phase 1 of 2)	\$377,668.00
Total	\$532,823.31

Any questions about this transfer should be directed to Polk County Schools' Finance Officer Debbie Lovelace. Thank you for your consideration of this request and your continued support of our schools.

Sincerely,

Brandon Schweitzer
Director of Operations
Polk County Schools
(828) 894-1023 ext.1216

BUDGET AMENDMENT: CAPITAL RESERVE FUND BALANCE/ADDITON To GF

DATE: 7/24/2023 BOC Meeting BATCH #: _____ LINE _____
 Dept.: Capital Reserve-School Sales Tax/Transfer to School Capital

Amendment # : 1-F **Fund balance/ Addition #2**

INCREASE EXPENSE/REVENUE

GL ACCOUNT #		
22-8168-9800-0	Trans-out (School Capital)	\$ 532,824
10-3981-9822	Trans-in	\$ (532,824)
10-5910-6313-0	Sales tax-School	532,824
		<u>532,824</u>

INCREASE FUND BALANCE APPROPRIATED

GL ACCOUNT #		
22-3931-0000	Fund Balance Approp	\$ (532,824)
		<u>(532,824)</u>

EXPLANATION: To appropriate Capital Reserve fund balance for the funds that were reserved in prior years from the sales tax set-aside computation & to be transferred to the General Fund School Capital account for reimbursement of capital spending

Date approved & entered into the BOC minutes

 COUNTY MANAGER

 FINANCE OFFICER

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 11.

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 13.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Proclamation	Cover Memo	7/17/2023

Suggested Motion:

Motion to declare July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month.

Designation of July as Parks and Recreation Month

WHEREAS parks and recreation is an integral part of communities throughout this country, including Polk County; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes health and wellness, improving the physical and mental health of people who live near parks; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation promotes time spent in nature, which positively impacts mental health by increasing cognitive performance and well-being, and alleviating illnesses such as depression, attention deficit disorders, and Alzheimers; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation encourages physical activities by providing space for popular sports, hiking trails, swimming pools and many other activities designed to promote active lifestyles; and

WHEREAS park and recreation programming and education activities, such as out-of-school time programming, youth sports and environmental education, are critical to childhood development; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation increases a community's economic prosperity through increased property values, expansion of the local tax base, increased tourism, the attraction and retention of businesses, and crime reduction; and

WHEREAS parks and recreation is fundamental to the environmental well-being of our community; and

WHEREAS our parks and natural recreation areas ensure the ecological beauty of our community and provide a place for children and adults to connect with nature and recreate outdoors; and

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has designated July as Parks and Recreation Month; and

WHEREAS Polk County recognizes the benefits derived from parks and recreation resources.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Polk County Board of Commissioners that July is recognized as Parks and Recreation Month in Polk County.

Attest:

Polk County Board of
Commissioners

Kristy A. Tipton
Clerk to the Board

Tommy W. Melton
Chairman

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 14.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
911 Grant Agreement	Cover Memo	7/17/2023

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the 911 Grant Agreement Extension.

AMENDMENT
911 Grant Agreement G2022-08 for Polk County

THIS AMENDMENT is entered into by and between the North Carolina 911 Board (Board), and Polk County, PO Box 308, Columbus, NC 28722 (County).

Whereas the Board and County acknowledge they entered into the Grant Agreement (Agreement) on or about 6 December 2021;

Whereas the County has requested an extension of time to execute its obligations under the Agreement due to delays in the bidding process; and

Whereas, the Board has agreed to extend the Agreement, the parties agree to modify the Grant Agreement as follows:

1. The terms of the Agreement shall end on 1 June 2026. No further amendments to the Agreement shall occur.
2. Failure of the County to have completed the project per this amended Agreement shall result in the termination of the Agreement.
3. Except as modified herein, the Agreement continues in effect as written and agreed.

IN WITNESSETH WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first above written.

Polk County

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____

Date: _____

This instrument has been preaudited in the manner required by the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act.

By: _____
Chief Finance Financial Officer

N.C. 911 Board

By: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 15.

ATTACHMENTS:

Description	Type	Upload Date
Addendum	Cover Memo	7/25/2023

Suggested Motion:

Motion to approve the addendum.

ADDENDUM

To
Capital Campaign Management Agreement
With
Polk County

This Addendum to the Capital Campaign Management Agreement, entered into between Convergent Nonprofit Solutions (Convergent) and Polk County modifies the original agreement signed on May 16, 2023.

FUNDS TO CLIENT

Polk County is expected to receive a minimum of 80 percent of gross revenue of the capital campaign in the form of cash donations, cash pledges, and in-kind products and services.

COMPENSATION TO PROFESSIONAL SOLICITOR

Convergent's (the Professional Solicitor) total compensation will equate to no more than 20 percent of gross revenue.

EXECUTION OF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT & ADDENDUM

This Capital Campaign Management Agreement and Addendum are the final and complete expression of all agreements between Convergent Nonprofit Solutions, LLC and Polk County. They may not be changed orally but only by an agreement in writing signed by each party.

Tommy Melton, Board of Commissioners Chairman

Date

POLK COUNTY

Marche Pittman, County Manager

Date

POLK COUNTY

Rick Kiernan, Principal

Date

CONVERGENT NONPROFIT SOLUTIONS, LLC

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM

July 24, 2023 Regular Meeting

Agenda Item#: 16.

Suggested Motion:

Motion to appoint voting and alternate delegates.