

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting
November 23, 2020 - 11:00 AM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice Womack Building Columbus, NC
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Yoder, Vice-Chairman Melton, Commissioner Beiler, Commissioner Gasperson, and Commissioner Moore. Also in attendance were County Manager Pittman, and Clerk to the Board High, media, and citizens. (Clerk High attended remotely)

1. Call to Order - Chairman Yoder.
2. Invocation - Commissioner Beiler.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Gasperson.
4. Agenda Item(s)

A. Polk County Employee Recognition Awards.

Tommy Oakman, Human Resources Officer provided Manager Pittman a list of county employees who have achieved a five year milestone in 2020. Manager Pittman announced each employees name, those in attendance came to the front, and the Commissioners alternated handing out the awards and congratulated them. The Commissioners thanked the employees for their service and dedication. Commissioner Moore added the total years of all recipients and this year the total was two hundred and thirty-five.

B. Position Reclassification and Budget Amendment.

Michael Crater, Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Director said North Carolina is a premier state across the country in paramedic medicine and the Community Paramedic position is being mimicked and used across the state, becoming an essential support position.

He said currently, Polk County has a temporary Community Paramedic grant funded through December 31, 2020. He is requesting the Boards consideration to change the position to a permanent full-time one beginning January 1, 2021. Manager Pittman said he supports this reclassification and the benefits it will bring to the community. Mr. Crater said it will reduce ambulance calls, and help with prevention, education, and training.

Commissioner Gasperson moved to approve the new permanent full-time EMS Community Paramedic position beginning January 1, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the budget amendment for \$32,829

from contingency to fund the new position, seconded by Vice-Chairman Melton and the motion carried unanimously.

5. Adjournment

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

Attest:

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Ange High
Clerk to the Board

Myron Yoder
Chairman