

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting
May 10, 2021 - 9:00 AM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice Womack Building Columbus, NC
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.
2. Invocation - Chairman Melton.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Vice-Chairman Beiler.
4. Approval of Agenda - Motion needed to approve or amend the agenda.

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

5. Agenda Item(s)

A. Presentation of FY 2021/22 Balanced Budget.

Manager Pittman thanked Sandra Hughes, Finance Director, and her staff for helping to put together the budget information and presented the recommended, balanced budget for the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 to the Commissioners for their review and consideration.

He read the first page of the budget message:

" I hereby submit the following recommended budget for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in the amount of \$35,553,970.00. The budget is balanced in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The recommended tax rate for the 21-22 fiscal year is .5045, according to the Revenue-Neutral calculation formula put forth by the North Carolina Local Government Commission. As in prior years (except for the last fiscal year due to consideration of the impact of Covid on our Revenues), this year's budget does use fund balance appropriation to balance the budget. This year we were also able to use ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) to help with some expenses that are Covid-19 related. This year will be challenging for us as we move forward in a Post Covid world. Some of the things we anticipated last year simply did not occur; there was little reduction in property tax and sales tax collections for the year. In fact, our collection rate has remained steady, and we are seeing growth in sales tax of approximately 17% from the prior year. While these sales tax numbers are encouraging, we cannot anticipate that kind of

growth sustaining. This budget includes a projected conservative drop in sales tax revenue of approximately 5% in the upcoming fiscal year."

- B. Schedule Public Hearing to receive citizen comment on the FY 2021/22 Budget on Monday, June 7, 2021 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice in the Womack Building located in Columbus, NC.

Commissioner Moore moved to schedule the public hearing to receive citizen comments on the FY 2021/22 Budget on Monday, June 7, 2021, at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Yoder

6. Commissioner Comments

Chairman Melton encouraged the Commissioners to thoroughly review the budget information presented in preparation for the Budget Work Session scheduled for May 17, 2021, beginning at 1:00 pm, followed by the regular Board of Commissioners Meeting at 5:00 pm.

7. Adjournment

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

Attest:

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Ange High
Clerk to the Board

Tommy W. Melton
Chairman