

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
April 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 Overholt, and Commissioner Yoder. Also in attendance were County Manager Pittman, Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board High, media and citizens. Attorney Berg participated remotely. Commissioner Moore was absent.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

2. Invocation - Commissioner Overholt.

John Paul McIntyre led the invocation.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Melton.

4. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

There were no comments.

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

Chairman Melton requested to add the Project Budget Ordinance for the Polk County High School HVAC renovation project.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to amend the agenda as requested, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore.

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

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

A. Tax refund requests through April 12, 2021 in the amount of \$289.83.

B. Sheriff Department Monthly Activity Report for March 2021.

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

8. North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredge Grant Opportunity and Resolution - Gary Gardner, Chief, Engineering, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC).

Gary Gardner , Chief, Engineer, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) discussed the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Shallow Draft Navigation Channel Dredge Grant Opportunity. He explained State agencies are not eligible to receive these grants, and they are requesting to partner with Polk County to apply for the available funding. Commissioner Overholt asked about the timeline. Mr. Gardner said there will be a public meeting, then they will proceed with bidding, and sending the plans for approval by the State Construction Office. He said the work should begin early fall 2021, and be completed before the end of the year, if there are no delays. He reviewed the No Conflict of Interest Statement, Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement Between NC WRC and Polk County, and Resolution with the Commissioners.

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the DWR Water Resources Development Grant Program No Conflict of Interest Certification, seconded Commissioner Overholt by and the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Moore

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to adopt the Resolution to sponsor the Lake Adger Navigation Channel Maintenance Dredging Project, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Moore

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the Memorandum of Cooperative Agreement Between North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission and Polk County, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Moore

9. Recreation Complex Master Plan Revision.

Laura Baird, Interim Parks & Recreation Director, presented the amended Polk County Recreation Complex Master Plan. She said the plan has not been revised since 2004. She reviewed some of the changes in the plan, and said the Recreation Advisory Board reviewed and recommended the amended plan.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the amended Polk County Recreation Complex Master Plan, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

10. North Carolina Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant application.

Laura Baird, Interim Parks & Recreation Director, said she is requesting approval to apply for a PARTF grant for the Little White Oak Mountain Trail Network Project Phase I. She said this is the same grant we have applied for the last two years, and did not receive. She explained this year, we have strengthened our application by following the recommendations of a grant consultant, one of which was to update the Recreation Complex Master Plan that was just approved.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve submitting the PARTF grant application, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried

unanimously.
Absent: Moore

11. Proclamation Recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicators.

Chairman Melton read the proclamation. The Commissioners thanked the 911 Telecommunicators for the important service they provide the citizens of the county.

Commissioner Yoder moved to adopt the proclamation recognizing public safety telecommunicators, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

12. Duke Property Purchase Agreement and Budget Amendment.

Attorney Berg presented information for the Board's consideration on the purchase of a portion of Tax Parcel Number C2-D2 consisting of 2.055 acres, and is located on Park Street in Columbus, NC. She said she has reviewed the conditions of the contract, and there is a lien on the property which will be released by the current owner, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, after purchase.

Commissioner Yoder moved to direct Manager Pittman to exercise the County's option to purchase a portion of Tax Parcel Number C2-D2 consisting of 2.055 acres for the purchase price of \$50,000, and further moved to direct the County Manager to set a closing date for the transaction, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Moore

Attorney Berg said in performing the due diligence, a survey was completed on the property. She said the cost of the survey, as well as legal fees, and closing costs, are included in the budget amendment.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$60,000, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

13. Project Budget Ordinance - Polk County High School HVAC Project \$6,200,000.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the Project Budget Ordinance for the Polk County High School HVAC project in the amount of \$6.2M, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

14. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were no citizen comments on non-agenda items.

15. Adjournment

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

Absent: Moore

Attest:

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Ange High
Clerk to the Board

Tommy W. Melton
Chairman