

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
Special Meeting and Work Session  
April 12, 2021 - 3:00 PM  
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice Womack Building Columbus, NC  
Columbus, NC  
MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

2. Agenda Item(s)

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

A. Resolution recognizing April 2021 as Isothermal Community College (ICC) Month.

Margaret H. Annunziata, President ICC presented the resolution.

Commissioner Yoder moved to adopt the Resolution recognizing April 2021 as Isothermal Community College Month, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Discuss legislature funding consideration priorities for Polk County.

Manager Pittman said he recently spoke to Representative Johnson regarding potential legislative funding. He requested a brief list of the County's priority projects in the hopes Polk County could receive some of the allocations. Manager Pittman presented three options: assistance with the Northbrook Dam renovation; the Lake Adger Dredging project with Wild Life Resources; and constructing a community center with the YMCA. The Commissioners agreed all of these projects would be top priorities to share with Representative Johnson.

C. Commissioner Moore moved to go into closed session for the purpose of personnel matters, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously..

D. Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to return to open session, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously..

Chairman Melton moved to amend the County Manager's employment contract, effective April 12, 2021 through April 12, 2026, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the budget amendment to appropriate \$11,769 fund balance to increase salary and benefits per the new contract with the County Manager, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Melton called a recess until 4:00 pm.

4:00 pm Work Session for General Statute 160D began.

E. General Statute 160D Land Use Ordinance Changes, and Planning Board Recommendations.

Cathy Ruth, County Planner, explained the land use regulations in North Carolina have been modernized for the first time in decades. A new chapter, 160D, was created in the North Carolina General Statutes that updated the development regulations and places the statutes into a more logical, coherent organization. She said the new law provides many clarifying amendments and consensus reforms that are required to be incorporated into local development regulations. Furthermore, the Planning Board, and County Attorney have made additional recommendations.

The Commissioners reviewed and the changes and recommendations. Mrs. Ruth said there will be two public information meetings held in the Womack Building on April 19, 2021 and April 26, 2021 to allow an informal time for citizens to come and review the changes and ask questions.

She said there will also be a public hearing to take public comment for each of the nine documents discussed today on May 3, 2021 at 5:00pm. She said the draft ordinances are available for review on the Polk County website [www.polknc.org](http://www.polknc.org) or by contacting the Clerk to Board.

3. Adjourn

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF  
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Ange High  
Clerk to the Board

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Tommy W. Melton  
Chairman