POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
July 22, 2024 - 5:00 PM
Regular Meeting
Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building
40 Courthouse Street
Columbus, NC 28722
MINUTES

Present: Chairman Yoder, Commissioner Beiler, Commissioner Moore, and Commissioner Overholt. Also in attendance were County Manager Pittman, County Attorney Berg, Acting Clerk to the Board Ange' HIgh, media, and citizens.

Absent: Vice-Chairman Melton.

1. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Yoder.

2. Clerk Appointment - Chairman Yoder

   Commissioner Moore moved to appoint Ange' High as the acting temporary clerk until Clerk Tipton returns, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Invocation - Commissioner Overholt.

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Moore.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

   Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Consent Agenda

   A. Approval of June 17, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes.

   B. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road name to be considered on Monday, August 19, 2024 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

   C. Approve the Animal Control Budget Amendment in the amount of $143,620. (Foothills Humane Society Agreement approved after the Budget Ordinance was passed, but was budgeted in Non-Dept while being negotiated)

   D. Approve the Purchase Order request for Republic Services, Inc. by the Polk County Landfill in the amount of $1,600,000 for trash hauling and disposal per contract approved 6/17/24.

E. Tax Refund Request through July 16, 2024, in the amount of $2,121.65.

F. Declare five Health and Human Services (HHSA) vehicles as surplus to be sold electronically through Govdeals (detailed list enclosed).

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

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

8. Regular Agenda Items

A. Designation of a voting delegate for the Annual Business Session on Saturday, August 10, 2024, at 2:00 pm to be held during the 117th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in Forsyth County.

Commissioner Moore moved to appoint Chairman Yoder as the voting delegate, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Southern Health Partners Agreement with Polk County Detention Center - Sheriff Wright.

Sheriff Wright said they were forced to explore other options for the inmates' healthcare needs. Southern Health was the lowest of the two bidders. Manager Pittman stated the funding is already included in the budget.
Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the agreement between Southern Health Partners and Polk County Detention Center, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Sheriff's Department Budget Amendment to pay overtime for officers to patrol the Green River Cove area. - Sheriff Wright.

Sheriff Wright said the Green River residents have complained about the excess traffic and littering during the summer months. He is requesting an increase in Sheriff's Department salaries to cover the expense of extra patrols in this area on the weekends during the summer. Chairman Yoder thanked the Sheriff for initiating the litter clean-up by the inmates in the county. The Sheriff requested that residents let them know about areas that may need litter picked up.
Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the Budget Amendment to use contingency to increase the Sheriff Department salaries by $12,828 for additional summer weekend patrolling in the Green River Cove Area, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

D. Agreement for Ambulance Services between Polk County EMS and National HealthCare Corporation (NHC) - Michael Crater, EMS Director.

Mr. Crater said White Oak Manor is changing ownership and is requesting approval of the Ambulance Services Agreement between Polk County EMS and

the new owner. He said Attorney Berg has reviewed the agreement.
Commissioner Moore moved to approve the assignment of the agreement for ambulance services, by and between the County of Polk, operating as Polk County EMS, and White Oak Manor dated January 1, 2001, to NHC HealthCare/Tryon, LLC, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

E. E911 Renovation Grant Project and Budget Discussion - County Manager Pittman. James R. Stumbo, Stewart - Cooper - Newell Architects, and Jacob Benson, Harper General Contractors are available for questions.

Manager Pittman stated that despite implementing value engineering measures, the 911 Communication Center Renovation Project has experienced a 30% increase in capital costs due to rising construction costs statewide. He noted that this aligns with similar cost increases observed across various construction projects throughout the state and asked the Board to consider the included budget amendment.
Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the Budget Amendment to use general fund balance to increase the 911 Capital Project by $550,155 and approve the amendment to the 911 Grant Project Budget Ordinance, increasing the Building Improvement line to $3,867,461, the CMAR Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP), and to give the County Manager signatory authority for the amendment to the CMAR agreement to include the GMP and associated changes, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were none.

10. Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners collectively thanked everyone for attending the meeting. They also thanked the Sheriff for his leadership and all emergency services.

11. Adjournment

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

Attest:	POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
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Kristy A Tipton Clerk to the Board	Myron Yoder Chairman