

**BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS
PUBLIC HEARINGS AND
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2025
5:00 PM**



**Bryant H. Womack
Justice & Administration
Building
40 Courthouse Street
Columbus, NC 28722**

1. Public Hearings - The public hearings were properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

A. Public Hearing I.

- I. Call to Order the Public Hearing - The proposed text amendment to the Polk County Zoning Ordinance to permit temporary housing buildings to be provided to those in need for use as a temporary shelter during recovery from the state of emergency declared in Polk County. (A copy of the current and proposed draft of the Zoning Ordinance is available for review online at <https://www.polknc.gov/ordinances.php> or in the County Manager's office).
- II. Citizen Comments
- III. Adjourn Public Hearing

B. Public Hearing II.

- I. Call to Order the Public Hearing - The proposed text amendment to the Polk County Subdivision Ordinance to update and clarify easements, road maintenance agreements, private roads, and minor subdivisions. (A copy of the current and proposed draft of the Subdivision Ordinance is available for review online at <https://www.polknc.gov/ordinances.php> or in the County Manager's office).
- II. Citizen Comments
- III. Adjourn Public Hearing

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

- A. Appointment of Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners, Kennedy Freeman.
- B. Administer Oath of Office for Clerk - Chairman Yoder.

3. Invocation - Chairman Yoder.
4. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Melton
5. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Items may be added or removed at this time.
6. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the January 13, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - B. Schedule a Public Hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, March 17, 2025 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.
 - C. Declare six Sheriff vehicles & miscellaneous equipment surplus to be sold electronically by public auction. Asset details attached.
 - D. Adopt resolution of Polk County recognizing and approving of the Polk County official America 250 NC Committee
 - E. Tax Refund Request through February 10, 2025 in the amount of \$849.60
 - F. Vaya Health Quarterly Financial Report for the period ending December 31, 2024
 - G. 2024 Community Health Assessment (CHA) Briefing.
 - H. Appoint Commissioner Hargett to the Community Child Protection Team (CCPT)
7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.
8. Regular Agenda Items
 - A. Organization of the Polk County Regional Water Authority (PCRWA) - Discuss the creation of the PCRWA and review the next steps. Schedule a public hearing on the proposed resolution to organize the Polk County Regional Water Authority for Monday, March 17th at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building, 40 Courthouse St. Columbus - Presented by Attorney Belton Zeigler.
 - B. Review changes to the Voluntary Agricultural District & Enhanced Voluntary Agricultural District Ordinance and request to schedule a public hearing on the proposed resolution for Monday, March 17th, at 5:00 p.m. in the Bryant H. Womack Justice & Administration Building, 40 Courthouse St. Columbus - Kelly Gay, Director of Polk County Soil and Water Conservation District, and Dawn Jordan, Director of Polk County Agricultural Economic Development will be present.

- C. Award Service Contracts for Brush Grinding and Hauling and to approve the associated Budget Amendment – Travis Ballard, Solid Waste Director.
 - D. Consideration and approval of the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendment subsequent to the Public Hearing - Cathy Ruth, Polk County Planning and Economic Development Director.
 - E. Consideration and approval of the proposed Sub Division Ordinance Amendment subsequent to the Public Hearing - Cathy Ruth, Polk County Planning and Economic Development Director.
 - F. Discussion and approval of the 2025/2026 Budget Calendar - Sandra Hughes, Finance Director.
 - G. Disaster and Relief Recovery Update - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director.
 - H. Public Information Officer, Kellie Cannon, Introduction - Manager Pittman.
9. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.
10. Volunteer Board Applications
- A. Board of Adjustment - There are two vacancies and one applicant; Wendy Wipperman.
 - B. Equalization & Review Board - There are five vacancies and four applicants; Ray Gasperson, Jeff Miller, Tonya Walls, and Wendy Wipperman.
 - C. Library Board of Trustees - There are four vacancies and five applicants; Cathleen Cullen, Summer Flynn, Susannah Hogan, Libby Morris, and Jackson Rainer. (Please choose four applicants to appoint.)
 - D. Planning Board - There is one vacancy and three applicants; Carrie Federici, Teresa (Terri) Morrin, and Charles Noffke. (Please choose one applicant to be appointed as the At Large Alternate.)
11. Commissioner Comments.
12. Adjournment