

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
April 15, 2024 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order - Chairman Yoder.
2. Invocation - Commissioner Overholt.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Yoder.
4. Approval of Agenda.



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

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

5. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.

A. Approval of March 18, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. 2023 Polk County Community Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Report.

C. Tax Refund Request in the amount of \$136.63.

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on agenda items.

7. Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SE&SC) Landfill Update - Warren Eadus, P.G., President, Quible & Associates, P.C.

Warren Eadus gave a presentation on the status of the Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Project at the the Polk County Landfill, a copy of which is incorporated by reference into these minutes. He said phases I and II were completed successfully and Phase III will be completed next year.

8. Polk County Schools - Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D., Director of Operations.

Aaron Greene, Superintendent was present in the absence of Brandon Schweitzer. Mr. Greene presented the two disbursement applications and the one transfer request.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the applications in the amount of \$23,828, \$65,473, and the transfer and budget amendment in the amount of \$19,834, seconded by Vice-Chairman Melton and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Proclamation to declare April 2024 as Child Abuse Awareness Month - Kim Wilson, Senior Program Manager Polk County Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services.

Kim Wilson, Senior Program Manager at Polk DSS read the proclamation and requested the Board declare April 2024 as Child Abuse Awareness Month.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the proclamation and declare April 2024 as Child Abuse Awareness Month, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Amendment to Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Agreement with Republic Services - Travis Ballard, Solid Waste Director.

Manager Pittman said the Republic Services contract, which expires in 2024, has been re-negotiated and will include a higher rate due to increased hauler fees. Travis Ballard said this will be a 5 year contract and is paid from the Enterprise Fund, not from the General Fund.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the amended Solid Waste Transportation and Disposal Agreement with Republic Services, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Ambulance Purchase Request - Michael Crater, EMS Director.

Michael Crater presented a quote for the purchase of a re-mount ambulance to replace an ambulance which was just removed from service due to a blown engine. He said the average lifespan of an ambulance is approximately 7-9 years.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$211,927, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Polk County Rescue Squad Contract - Attorney Berg.

Attorney Berg presented a re-negotiated contract between Polk County and the Rescue Squad, removing ambulance services and only including rescue services. They will be paid \$150 per rescue call, or \$50 per call if the call is canceled while they are en route. Manager Pittman said there will be a

recommmendation in the upcoming budget for an EMS basic life support truck, staffed 12 hours a day, to offset the loss of the ambulance/transport services currently offered by the Rescue Squad.

Vice-Chairman Melton moved to approve the contract with Polk County Rescue Squad, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were 12 citizen comments on non-agenda items.

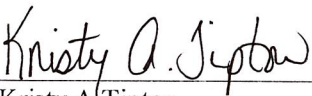
14. Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners each thanked the representatives of the GRC Freeride Event for making the drive from Buncombe County and for their respectful, well-thought out comments. However, the Commissioners said they stand behind the Skateboard Ordinance which was requested by the citizens of Polk County. Commissioner Moore then gave a heartfelt thank you to Polk EMS for the excellent care his father received before recently passing away.

15. Adjournment

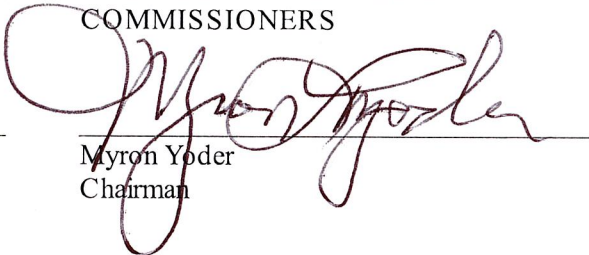
Vice-Chairman Melton moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:



Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board

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Myron Yoder
Chairman