POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 6, 2023 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building Columbus, NC
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

2. Invocation - Commissioner Overholt.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Melton.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

   Manager Pittman requested that Personnel be added to the Closed Session Meeting.
   Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

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

   A. Approval of January 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

   B. Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) - Submit for review and comments Community Action Opportunities, Inc. CSBG application, and Community Anti-Poverty Plan.

   C. Sheriffs Department Annual Activity Report for 2022.

   D. Tax Refund Request.

   E. Vaya Health Quarterly Financial Reports for the period ending December 31,2022.

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

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

   There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

7. Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP) Grant Award Recommendations - Quible & Associates

Warren Eadus, Quible and Associates said three bids were received for the StRAP Grant Project. He explained the overall project was broken up into four large projects which will be divided to each of the three bidders and in doing so brings the project under budget. One bidder still needs to provide qualifications. After review, he is requesting that we accept the bids as proposed, pending the receipt of qualifications from Jays Landscaping. He said if qualifications are not received, the project assigned to Jays Landscaping can be completed by one of the other bidders.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the contract with Stream Initiative for $79,560 (North Pacolet River StRAP grant project $60,840, and the White Oak Creek StRAP grant project $18,720)., seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the contract with Jay's Lawn Service and Landscaping for $152,500, Upper Green River StRAP grant project., seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the contract with South Core Environmental for $42,500, Lower Green River StRAP grant project., seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

8. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were two citizen comments on Non-Agenda Items.

9. Volunteer Board Application(s)

A. Applications for Consideration:

Green Creek Fire Tax Commission - John Blanton, Bruce Collins, and Paul Howard Stacy.
Commissioner Beiler moved to appoint the applicants as presented to the Green Creek Fire District Tax Commission, seconded by Commissioner Overholt, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mill Spring Fire Tax Commission - John Perry McDowell, Jeff Craig Reid, and Steve Shehan.
Commissioner Moore moved to appoint the applicants as presented to the Mill Spring Fire District Tax Commission, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder, and the motion carried unanimously.

Board of Adjustment - Adrienne Reilly.
Commissioner Overholt moved to appoint Adrienne Reilly to the Board of Adjustment, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners each thanked the public in for attending the meeting.

11. Closed Session

A. Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of property acquisition.

Commissioner Moore moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of attorney-client privilege and personnel, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Motion to return to open session.

Commissioner Overholt moved to return to open session, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Moore moved to enter into a purchase agreement with Route 74 Hwy 108 LLC to acquire a portion of tax parcel P73-152 consisting of approximately 20 acres bordering in part on a stream located thereon, the exact acreage and location to be determined by a survey, for the sum of $500,000 and to approve the Budget Amendment to appropriate fund balance for that amount, to authorize the county manager to enter into the purchase agreement and execute all documents for the purchase, and to remit the sum of $1000 as a earnest money deposit to be applied to the purchase price at closing, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to authorize the county manager to accept a donation of land consisting of approximately 7 acres from Route 74 Hwy 108 LLC, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment

Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Kristy A. Tipton

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Clerk to the Board

Tommy W. Melton

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Chairman