

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
February 20, 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, and Commissioner Moore. Also in attendance were Manager Pittman, Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board Tipton, media, and citizens. ABSENT: Commissioner Overholt.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

2. Invocation - Chairman Melton.

Pastor Timothy Fortune gave the Invocation at the request of Chairman Melton.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Moore.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Overholt

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

A. Approval of February 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road names for Monday, March 6, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

C. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for January 2023.

D. Tax Refund Requests.

E. Approval of FY 2023 Audit Contract. (Contract cost is the same as 2022, no increase.)

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Overholt

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were three citizen comments on agenda items.

6.A. Meeting Rules, Decorum, and Procedures

Attorney Berg reviewed the Meeting Rules and Rules of Debate which were approved at the December 5, 2022.

7. Foothills Humane Society Annual Update - JJ Sauve, Vice President, Foothills Humane Society Board and Kat Hamilton, Executive Director.

JJ Sauve, Foothills Humane Society Board introduced the new Executive Director, Kat Hamilton. Ms. Hamilton gave an update on the number of intakes, transfers, and adoptions. She then stated her goals moving forward which included increased community involvement and being more transparent.

8. Building Inspections request to add a temporary full-time regular building inspector - David Gosnell, Director.

Mr. Gosnell requested the Boards approval to add a temporary full time building inspector prior to his retirement in August 2023 to allow time to train the employee before his departure.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the request to add a temporary full-time building inspector and to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$19,580, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Overholt

9. Dogwood Trust Opioid Grant Opportunity - Josh Kennedy, HHSA Director.

Mr. Kennedy informed the Board this department will apply for the Dogwood Trust Opioid Grant, by March 17, 2023. He said the grant if approved, would be for \$300,000 for three years. He said the funds would help in the planning process on the best way to allocate the opioid funds.

10. Discussion and approval of the 2023/2024 Budget Calendar - Sandra Hughes, Finance Director.

Ms. Hughes presented the 2023/2024 budget calendar to the Board for approval.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the 2023/2024 Budget Calendar, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Overholt

11. Resolution Supporting the 9-1-1 Saves Act - Sheriff Wright.

Sheriff Wright read the resolution for the Board's approval.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the resolution, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Overholt

12. Supplemental Opioid Settlement - Attorney Berg.

Attorney Berg suggested the Board enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the State of North Carolina whereby Polk County spends the funds from the second wave of opioid litigation funds, in the same manner as the first wave of funds.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve a Resolution and Supplemental Agreement for Additional Funds ("SAAF") to direct Additional Funds from Additional Settlements of opioid litigation to the state of North Carolina and local governments in a manner consistent with the Memorandum of Agreement ("MOA") Between the State of North Carolina and Polk County and to authorize the County Manager to execute any documents related thereto, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Overholt

13. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were two citizen comments on non-agenda items.

14. Volunteer Board Application(s)

- A. Applications for Consideration: Tony Dale - Columbus Township, Ray Gasperson - Green Creek Township, and Adrienne Reilly - Green Creek Township, Planning Board Columbus Township Vacancy. Michelle Fortune - Foothills Workforce Development Board.

Commissioner Moore motioned to appoint Toney Dale to the Planning Board for the Columbus Township, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder, and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Overholt

Vice-Chairman Yoder motioned to appoint Michelle Fortune to the Foothills Workforce Development Board, seconded by Commissioner Beiler, and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Overholt

15. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

The Chairman and Commissioners thanked everyone in attendance. Vice-Chairman Yoder invited everyone to attend the new Green Creek Fire Department substation open house to be held March 11, 2023 from 10am-2pm. He then said the dock area and boat launch area of Lake Adger had been dredged and an update on the Green River Dredging project is in the permitting stage and should begin soon.

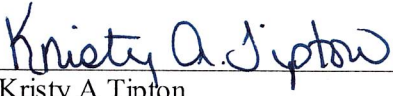
16. Adjournment

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

Absent: Overholt

Attest:

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Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman