

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
May 1, 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, Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board Tipton, media, and citizens.

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

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

Commissioner Moore moved to shift the July 2023-December 2023 Board of Commissioners Meeting Schedule and Resolution to the June 5th meeting, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Approval of April 3, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Tax Refund Requests in the amount of \$1,102.12.

C. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for March 2023.

D. Budget Addition in the amount of \$10,000 (Grant from the Polk County Community Foundation) to provide funding for part-time staff to support the Farmer's Markets.

E. Amend Project Budget Ordinance for Columbus Children's Library in the amount of \$2,148. (Paid by Friends of the Library)

F. Budget Amendment in the amount of \$74,265 for Sheriff salary overage due to transfer to assist Jail with OT wages paid and to Communications to renew the contract with Priority Dispatch.

G. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road name to be considered on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the consent agenda as amended,

seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

7. YMCA Feasibility Study Report - Rick Kiernan, Convergent Nonprofit Solutions.

Michael Baughman, YMCA Committee Chairman, introduced Rick Kiernan with Convergent Nonprofit Solutions. Mr. Kiernan gave a presentation, a copy of which is hereby incorporated into these minutes for reference. The presentation was based on the Final Report which was compiled using information gathered from interviews with 61 people in Polk County and surrounding areas. The report gauged potential financial support and identified potential campaign leadership for a future capital campaign. Michael Baughman will plan to attend a future meeting to present the YMCA Committees recommendations moving forward.

8. North Carolina Department of Internet Technology (NCDIT) / GREAT Grant Agreement - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman presented the Great Grant/NCDIT Agreement for approval. He said the agreement is a three party contract in which NCDIT will be the lead in tracking progress. \$250,000 was previously allocated by the County and in return will receive over \$12 million in broadband investment in Polk County.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the agreement and grant the County Manager signatory authority, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Solid Waste request to convert a current part-time regular position to a full-time regular position - Travis Ballard, Solid Waste Director.

Mr. Ballard requested to convert a part-time accounts receivable position to a full-time position which will allow him more time for his duties, which is a key position between his department and the finance department. He said no new funding will be necessary for this position. Manager Pittman said the funds are all housed in the solid waste enterprise fund and no general fund tax money goes toward the position.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve converting a part-time regular position to a full-time regular position, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on non-agenda items.

11. Volunteer Board Application(s)

- A. Applications for Consideration: Linda Greensfelder, Library Board of Trustees. Julie Ann Arrington, Shane Bradley, and Anthony Johnson - Saluda Fire District Tax Commission.

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

12. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

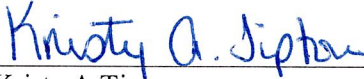
The Commissioners all thanked the public for attending. Chairman Melton reminded everyone of the Special Meeting on Monday, May 8, 2023, at 9:00 am for the County Manager to present the 2023/2024 Budget.

13. Adjournment

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion .

Attest:

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Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman