

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Special Meeting
May 8, 2023 - 9:00 AM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building Columbus, NC
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

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

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

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

Absent: Moore

5. Agenda Item(s)

A. Presentation of FY 2023/24 Balanced Budget – Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman thanked Sandra Hughes, Finance Director, and her staff for helping to put together the budget information and presented the recommended, balanced budget for the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 to the Commissioners for their review and consideration.

He read the first page of the budget message:

"I hereby submit the following recommended budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of \$41,307,888.00. The budget is balanced in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The recommended tax rate for the 23-24 fiscal year is .5343 and does include a real property rate tax increase of two cents for Polk County Schools Operations as requested by the Polk County School Board. Justification for this rate increase is below in the Polk County Schools Section of the message, as well as a document submitted by Polk County Schools in the budget packet.

Due to the unknown financial implications of a recession and the impact it may or may not have on sales tax allocation, I have purposefully not included any increased growth rate in Sales Tax (above current year actuals) nor have I appropriated significant fund balance to cover capital costs as I have done in prior years.

I feel comfortable with the flat sales tax allocation projections, but we will need to keep in mind that if our projections aren't sustainable due to a fluctuating economy, we will need to go to fund balance next year and re-evaluate spending as a result in the next fiscal year (24-25). "

- B. Schedule Public Hearing to receive citizen comment on the FY 2023/24 Budget on Monday, June 5, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice in the Womack Building located in Columbus, NC.

Commissioner Overholt moved to schedule the public hearing as stated, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

6. Commissioner Comment(s)

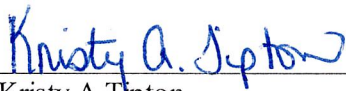
The Chairman and Commissioners collectively thanked Manager Pittman and staff for their hard work.

7. Adjournment

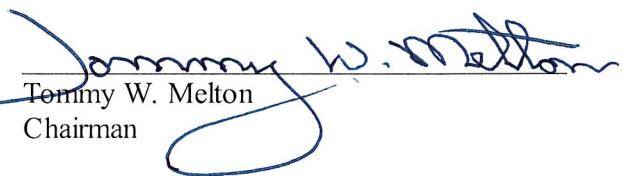
Commissioner Beiler moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

Attest:

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Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman