

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
May 15, 2023 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building Columbus, NC
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Public Hearing

A. Call to Order the Public Hearing - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public hearing was to take public comment on the proposed new road name, T Five Ranch Road. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

B. Citizen Comments.

There were none.

C. Commissioner Comments.

There were none.

D. Adjourn Public Hearing.

Commissioner Beiler moved to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Yoder

2. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Melton.

3. Invocation - Commissioner Moore.

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Vice-Chairman Yoder.

Commissioner Overholt led the pledge in Vice-Chairman Yoder's absence.

5. Approval of Agenda.

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

Manager Pittman requested cancellation of the May 16th Budget Work Session be added after Agenda Item #7.

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

Absent: Yoder

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

- A. Approval of May 1, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. Approval of May 8, 2023 Special Meeting Minutes.
- C. Tax Refund request in the amount of \$590.00.
- D. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for April 2023.
- E. Polk County Schools request to move Special Appropriation Funds in the amount of \$299,386 to use for general operations.
- F. Vaya Health Quarterly Financial Reports for the period ending March 31, 2023.

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

Absent: Yoder

7. Citizen Comment on Agenda Items.

There were none.

8. Cancellation of the May 16, 2023 Budget Worksession.

Commissioner Overholt moved to cancel the May 16, 2023 Budget Worksession, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Yoder

9. Field Representative for US Congressman Chuck Edwards - Tommy Laughter.

Mr. Laughter was present to bring special attention to the mobile office of Congressman Chuck Edwards. The mobile office will be located on Ward St. in Columbus on the third Tuesday of every month, from 9 am until 11am and staffed by Mr. Laughter, a case worker, and another field representative.

10. Charters of Freedom - Ronald Lewis.

David Streater and Ron Lewis of Foundation Forward Charters of Freedom, presented a framed copy of the 13th, 14th, 15th, and 24th Civil Rights Amendments to Polk County. Chairman Melton said this will be displayed at various county offices and shared with the schools.

11. YMCA Committee Update and Recommendation - Michael Baughman, Committee Chairman.

Mr. Baughman presented the proposed Capital Campaign Contract with Convergent Nonprofit Solutions. He said the YMCA Development Committee supports the six month contract.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the Capital Campaign Contract with Convergent Nonprofit Solutions for six months, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion .

Absent: Yoder

Commissioner Beiler moved to appropriate fund balance to transfer to the Capital Project Fund for the YMCA Project in the amount of \$77,023, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion .

Absent: Yoder

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the amended Capital Project Budget Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Yoder

12. Polk County Schools (No County funds being requested) - Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D., Director of Operations.

Aaron Greene, Polk County Schools Superintendent, introduced Dr. Brandon Schweitzer, Director of Operations. Dr. Schweitzer first presented a Form of Agreement for the Needs Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) for approval. He said this is a form stating that the rules will be followed for the use of funds to complete the Pre-K expansion project.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the Form of Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Yoder

He then requested approval of the Annual Report for Tryon Elementary PreK expansion to be submitted to NBPSCF. He said this report outlines the work completed in the FY 22-23 which includes the design, hiring of contractors, and the project schedule.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the Annual Report of the Tryon Elementary PreK Expansion to the NBPSCF, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Yoder

Lastly, Dr. Schweitzer requested approval of the application, the request, and to approve the budget of \$177,900 from the NC Education Lottery to repair of the damaged floor at Polk County High School.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the project application, approve the request, and approve the budget in the amount of \$177,900 from the NC Education Lottery Public School Building Repair and Renovation, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Yoder

13. New Polk County Road Name - T Five Ranch Road (off Peniel Road in Columbus Township) - Chairman Melton.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the road name as presented,

seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Yoder

14. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on non-agenda items.

15. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

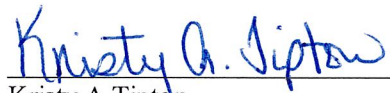
The Commissioners collectively thanked the public in attendance as well as the Department Heads and staff for their hard work so far during the budget process.

16. Adjournment

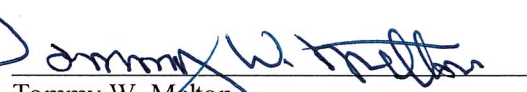
Commissioner Overholt moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Yoder

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS



Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman