

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
June 19, 2023 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

PRESENT: Chairman Melton, Vice-Chairman Yoder, Commissioner Beiler, and 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 - Commissioner Beiler.
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Overholt.
4. Approval of Agenda

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

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to add Acceptance of the Dogwood Trust Opioid Grant as Agenda Item 7A, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

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

5. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Approval of June 5, 2023 Budget Work Session, Public Hearing, and Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for May 2023.
 - C. Polk County Recruitment and Retention Resolution Extension.
 - D. Polk County EMS cancellation of uncollectible deceased patients debt in the amount of \$8,416.91.
 - E. Approval of lease agreement between Polk County and North Carolina Forest Service.
 - F. Budget Amendment to move funds to cover negatives and estimated expenses for the remaining of the fiscal year for 911 Communications.
 - G. Set aside \$6,500 received from the sale of retired K-9 officer, Jumper, to be used for the purchase of a future K-9.

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

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on agenda items.

7. Polk County Budget Ordinance for the Fiscal Year 2023/24 – Budget work sessions were held on May 15, 2023 and June 5, 2023. The budget public hearing was held on June 5, 2023.

Commissioner Moore moved to adopt the Tax Levy and the Polk County Budget Ordinance, as amended in the Budget Work Sessions, for the Fiscal Year 2023-24, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

7A. Acceptance of the Dogwood Trust Opioid Grant.

Manager Pittman said that the County was awarded the Dogwood Trust Opioid Grant in the amount of \$599,997 to be dispersed over a period of two years. The funds will be used to help determine the best way to administer the Opioid dollars.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to accept the grant and give the County Manager signatory authority, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Requests - First payment on the Tryon Elementary PreK Addition Project.
Dr. Schweitzer said this will be a recurring request for the Tryon Elementary PreK addition as they get payment applications from their contractor.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the distribution request, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Public School Building Repair & Renovation Fund (PSBRRF) Request - Roof replacement of the gym at Polk County High School.
He stated this is another lottery subset request to be used specifically for repair of the gym roof area which requires special remediation.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the distribution request, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Public School Building Capital Fund (PSBCF) Disbursement Application - Purchase and installation of a new dishwasher at Tryon Elementary.
Lastly, Dr. Schweitzer said the 30-year-old dishwasher at Tryon Elementary

went down and the sustainable option is to replace it using the Public School Building Capital Fund.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the application, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Polk County Farmers Markets Discussion - Dawn Jordan, Agriculture Economic Development Director.

Dawn Jordan, Agriculture Economic Director gave an update on the Farmers Markets in Polk County. She said the Saluda and the Columbus Markets are both year round. She highlighted the Friends of Agriculture Breakfast and the annual Farm Tour. She said these programs are possible due to grants received from Polk County Community Foundation, and the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina.

10. Interlocal Agreement between Town of Columbus and Polk County for Fire Safety Services - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director.

Mr. Arledge stated that this is the last of the interlocal agreements. It is just like the ones he presented previously for the Towns of Tryon and Saluda. The agreement allows Polk County to conduct fire inspection services within the Town of Columbus for a fee of \$50 per inspection.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the interlocal agreement with Columbus as presented, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Fire Rescue Advisory Committee (FRAC) By-Law Updates - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director.

Mr. Arledge presented proposed changes to the FRAC Committee by-laws which consists of removal of term limits in an effort to retain members. The update also includes adding the County Manager as an ex-officio, non-voting, member. He said the FRAC Committee as well as the Fire Chief's Organization both approved the proposed changes.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the revised Fire Rescue Advisory Committee (FRAC) bylaws, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

12. YMCA Gift and Naming Rights Agreement - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman presented the proposed YMCA Gift and Naming Rights Agreement between Polk County and the YMCA of Greater Spartanburg. He said this agreement establishes that naming rights are agreed upon.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the YMCA Gift and Naming Rights Agreement, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Budget Amendments - Sandra Hughes, Finance Director will present any budget amendments, that may need approval for FY 2022-2023.

Sandra Hughes, Finance Director presented the amendment transfer for approval which is for line items in the Health Department Budget to cover needs as they play out.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the budget amendment as presented, in the amount of \$65,957, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

14. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on non-agenda items.

15. Volunteer Board Application(s)

A. Volunteer Board Applications for Consideration: Appearance Commissioner - Joe Cooper, Donald Dicey, Clyde S. Younkin. Fire Rescue Advisory Committee - Derrick Overholt, John J. Sauve. Health and Human Services Agency Board - Steve Burney, Linley Foster, Scott Hamby, Dr. Bill Hay, and Kevin Reynolds. Zoning Board of Adjustment - Betty Hill.

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

16. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners collectively thanked the public for attending the meeting and all staff involved in the budget process.

17. Adjournment

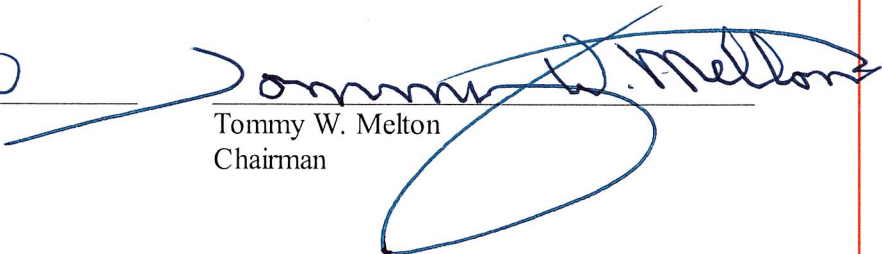
Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman