

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
July 24, 2023 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

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

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

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

5. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Approval of June 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for June 2023.
 - C. Tax Refund Requests for June and July in the amount of \$4,956.86.
 - D. Accept the Grant from Carolina Foothills Foundation in the amount of \$16,500 awarded to Polk County Public Libraries to be used for a mobile kitchen for library programs and approve the budget amendment.
 - E. Polk County Community Child Fatality Prevention and Protection Team (CCPT) Annual Report.
 - F. Budget amendment to appropriate \$50,000 using funds received from sales tax refunded in FY19, for capital project and amend the Project Budget Ordinance to increase the project for countywide radio communication system.
 - G. Schedule a public hearing to consider the proposed Zoning Ordinance Amendments Monday, August 21, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster

Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

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

Absent: Beiler

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were no citizen comments on agenda items.

7. Green River Dredging Update - Joel Lenk, Quible & Associates, P.C.

Joel Lenk with Quible & Associates, P.C. gave an update to the Board on the Green River Dredging Project. He said the access road was in and the guard rail along Palmer Rd. has been modified. He went on to say that they are still in the permitting phase of the project due to the many various permits this project. He said there will be a review process of the permit applications by the state and the timeframe is uncertain.

8. NCDOT Prioritization 7 - Alan Toney, Community & Economic Development Director, Foothills Regional Commission.

Mr. Toney presented the Prioritization 7 projects for Polk County. He explained that this is the 7th cycle of the State Transportation Improvement Law (STIL) and is how the determination is made for which projects are funded. He said there are four projects in Polk County, two in the Town of Columbus and two in the City of Saluda. He said the funding of these projects does not take away funding for repair and emergency projects in the county.

9. Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC) County Fund Plan for FY 2023/24 including membership - Lynne Barnette, Chair JCPC

Lynne Barnette presented the JCPC County Fund Plan for FY 2023/24 a copy of which is incorporated into these minutes as reference. Also included was the membership recommendations for the upcoming year.

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

Absent: Beiler

10. Polk County Schools - Brandon Schweitzer, Ed. D., Director of Operations.

A. Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) Requests - Second Payment on the Tryon Elementary PreK Addition.

Dr. Schweitzer said this would be a monthly request for the Tryon Elementary PreK addition as they receive payment applications from their contractor. He said they are on schedule and looking to complete the project in early 2024.

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

B. Request to transfer \$535,823.31 from the County's Capital Reserve Account to reimburse Polk County Schools for Capital Expenses. Dr. Schweitzer said this is a bulk request seeking reimbursement for a dump truck, activity bus, network server refresh, security cameras, and phase 1 of the paving project at Polk County High School.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$532,823.31, seconded by Commissioner Overholt, and the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Beiler

11. Polk County Appearance Commission - Robert Williamson, Appearance Commission Member.

Mr. Williamson gave a presentation on kudzu eradication, a copy of which is hereby incorporated into these minutes as reference.

12. Polk County Lifesaver Awards - Sheriff Tim Wright.

Sheriff Wright presented Lifesaver Awards to three deputies for their quick action and teamwork administering medical care to an individual. The three deputies were Deputy Matthew DeRosa, Deputy Matthew Buckner, and Deputy Vincent B. Scoggins.

13. Proclamation to declare July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month - Laura Baird, Recreation Coordinator.

Mrs. Baird presented the proclamation to the Board for approval.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to the proclamation declaring July 2023 as Parks and Recreation Month, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler

14. 911 Grant Agreement Extension - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman presented request to amend the 911 Grant Agreement for the 911 renovation project. The amendment extends the grant to June 1, 2026

Commissioner Overholt moved to the amendment to the 911 Grant Agreement, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler

15. Addendum to the Capital Campaign Management Agreement between Convergent Nonprofit Solutions and Polk County - Attorney Berg.

Attorney Berg explained that as part of the process to register our capital campaign with the NC Secretary of State's Charitable Solicitation Division, two clauses needed to be added to our contract with Convergent to meet the state

requirements.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the addendum to the Capital Campaign Management Agreement, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler

16. Designation of a voting delegate and alternate for the Annual Business Session on August 26, 2023, at 2:00 p.m to be held during the 116th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in Wake County.

Chairman Melton recommended that Vice-Chairman Yoder be named the voting delegate and Commissioner Overholt recommended that Commissioner Moore be the alternate.

Commissioner Moore moved to appoint Vice Chairman Yoder as voting delegate, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to appoint Commissioner Moore as the alternate, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler

17. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were three citizen comments on non-agenda items.

18. Volunteer Board Application(s)

- A. Volunteer Board Applications for Consideration: Appearance Commission - Carolyn Ashburn, Robert Williamson; Economic and Tourism Development Commission - Katie Biel; Foothills Workforce Development Board - Craig Hilton; Fire Rescue Advisory Committee - George F. Ledbetter; Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - Kevin Blackwell, Lee Bradley (Commissioner Appointees), and Isack Alvarado (student); Mental Health Advisory Board - Riley Harding; Recycling Advisory Board - Donna Pat Linnon.

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

Absent: Beiler

19. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners collectively thanked everyone in attendance.

20. Closed Session

- A. Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of attorney client

privilege.

Commissioner Moore moved to go into Closed Session for the purpose of attorney-client privilege, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler

B. Motion to return to open session.

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

Absent: Beiler

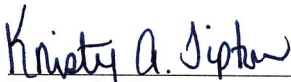
21. Adjournment

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

Absent: Beiler

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS



Kristy A. Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman