

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
September 5, 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. Also in attendance were Manager Pittman, Attorney Berg, Temporary Acting Clerk to the Board Ange' High, media, and citizens. Commissioner Overholt was absent.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to appoint Ange' High as the Temporary Acting Clerk due to Clerk Tiptons absence, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Overholt

2. Invocation - Commissioner Moore.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Vice-Chairman Yoder.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

Attorney Berg requested to add a closed session for the purpose of attorney-client privilege.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to add a closed session to the agenda and to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Overholt

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

A. Approval of August 21, 2023 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Tax Refund Request in the amount of \$2,318.24.

C. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road name to be considered on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

D. Schedule a public hearing to take public comments on address changes due to City of Saluda readdressing project, for Monday, October 2, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

E. Schedule a public hearing to take public comments on the FY 2025

NCDOT Section 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307, and applicable State Funding, or combination thereof, Community Transportation Grants for Monday, September 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building.

F. Water Shortage Response Plan Resolution.

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

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on Non-Agenda Items.

7. Military Suicide Awareness Proclamation - Chairman Melton.

Chairman Melton read the Military Suicide Awareness Proclamation.

Commissioner Moore moved to adopt the Military Suicide Awareness Proclamation, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Overholt

8. Proclamation for Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing In Action (MIA) - Joyce B. Preston, President Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post #9116.

Joyce B. Preston, President Polk County Memorial Auxiliary to VFW Post 9116 read the Proclamation.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to adopt the Proclamation for Prisoners of War (POW) and Missing In Action (MIA), seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Overholt

9. Resolution in Remembrance of September 11, 2001 - Commander Mike Collins.

Commander Collins VFW Post 9116 read the Proclamation in Remembrance of September 11, 2001.

Commissioner Moore moved to adopt the Proclamation in Remembrance of September 11, 2001, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Overholt

10. Resolution Declaring September 2023 as Preparedness Month - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director.

Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director read the proclamation.

Commissioner Beiler moved to adopt and declare September 2022 as Preparedness Month, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Overholt

11. Courthouse Gable Repair - Mickey Edwards, Parks, Recreation, and Maintenance Director.

Mickey Edwards presented the estimate in the amount of \$23,850 from Champion Construction Group. He said he met with five contractors about the project and Champion was the only one to submit a formal quote.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve Champion Construction Group as the contractor for the courthouse gable repair and approve the Budget Amendment in the amount of \$23,850, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Overholt

12. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were none.

13. Volunteer Board Application(s)

- A. Volunteer Board Applications for Consideration: Mary Ratcliffe - Library Board of Trustees.. Dorothy Weatherby - Economic & Tourism Development Commission.

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

Absent: Overholt

14. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners collectively thanked those in attendance and gave a special thank you to all veterans.

Absent: Overholt

15. Closed Session

- A. Commissioner Moore moved to go into closed session for the purpose of attorney client privilege, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Overholt.

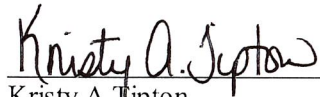
- B. Commissioner Beiler moved to return to Open Session, seconded by Commissioner Moore, and the motion carried unanimously. Absent: Overholt.

16. Adjournment

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

Attest:

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Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman