

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
October 2, 2023 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Public Hearings

A. Call the Public Hearing to Order - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public hearing was to take public comment on proposed new road name, Twin Oaks Drive. 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 Moore moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Beiler, Yoder

E. Call the Public Hearing to Order - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public hearing was to take public comments on address changes as a result of City of Saluda readdressing project. The Public Hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

F. Citizen Comments.

There were none.

G. Commissioner Comments.

There were none.

H. Adjourn Public Hearing.

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

Absent: Beiler, Yoder

2. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

3. Invocation - Commissioner Beiler.

Commissioner Moore gave the Invocation in Commissioner Beiler's absence.

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Overholt.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

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

Absent: Beiler, Yoder

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

A. Approval of September 18, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Tax Refund Request in the amount of \$823.70.

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

Absent: Beiler, Yoder

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

8. Turner Shoals Dam Update - David Odom, Odom Engineering, PLLC

Mr. Odom said we have been working with GEI Consultants (specifically Geoff Kruger) on the Lake Adger Dam project for 6 or more years. The work involved the development of four engineering reports culminating in construction plans. These plans and specifications were submitted to DEQ in July for final approval. The contracts in place with GEI are essentially fulfilled and we have requested additional proposals to be sent to us to bid the project, provide construction administration and provide construction observation. The first drafts were sent to us and we have sent them back with a few modifications requested and will be presented to you at a future meeting for approval. Our plan is to bid the project in the first quarter of 2024 with an expected construction time of 2 years. Once final approval is received for the construction plans, they will be sent to Northbrook for further discussion.

9. New Polk County Road Name - Twin Oaks Drive (Private Road off SR1514) in Columbus Township - Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.

Melissa O'Loughlin said the recommended road name by staff is Twin Oaks Drive as the first choice of the property owners was too similar to an existing road name.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the road name as presented, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Beiler, Yoder

10. Address Changes as a result of the City of Saluda Readdressing Project - Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.

Melissa O'Loughlin said as a result of the City of Saluda re-addressing project, some road ranges that lead from the city into the county are no longer in sync which could cause delayed response time for emergency responders. Correcting the ranges will cause address changes for 22 households. She said she will be back at a future date to request amendments to the addressing ordinance allowing changes like this to be made by staff.

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the address changes as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Beiler, Yoder

11. Approval to schedule a Public Hearing to receive public comments on the proposed Skateboard Ordinance - Attorney Berg.

Attorney Berg said the NC General Assembly enacted a local law for Polk County, by ordinance, to prohibit skateboarding on roads within the county effective October 1st. Initially the draft ordinance was going to be for all roads over a 3% grade, but after reviewing the terrain of the county staff recommended to include all roads in the unincorporated parts of county. This ordinance will be for individual skateboarders and events. She requested approval to schedule a Public Hearing for Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:00pm.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the request to hold a public hearing on Monday, October 16, 2023 at 5:00 PM in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice, Womack Building, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Beiler, Yoder

12. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were none.

13. Chairman and Commissioners Comments.

The Chairman and Commissioners collectively thanked those in attendance.

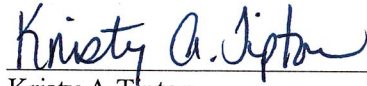
14. Adjournment

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

Absent: Beiler, Yoder

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS



Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman