

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
October 16, 2023 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Public Hearing

A. Appoint Ange' High as Temporary Acting Clerk,

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

B. Call Public Hearing to Order - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public Hearing was to take comments on the proposed adoption of an Ordinance prohibiting skateboarding on certain public roads in Polk County. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

C. Citizen Comments.

Six citizens spoke during public comment and 9 written comments were presented.

D. Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners collectively thanked the public for attending and for voicing their concerns.

E. Adjourn Public Hearing.

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

2. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

3. Invocation - Commissioner Overholt.

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Chairman Melton.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the agenda as presented, seconded

by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

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

A. Approval of October 2, 2023 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for September 2023.

C. Declare eight Health and Human Services (HHSA) vehicles as surplus to be sold electronically through Govdeals.

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

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

8. MyFutureNC Update - Aaron Greene, Superintendent Polk County Schools; Margaret H. Annunziata, Ed.D. President, Isothermal Community College; Dr. Tracie Metz, MyFutureNC.

A resolution of partnership was presented by myFutureNC in collaboration with Polk County Schools and Isothermal Community College, to help underemployed citizens get the credentials needed for higher paying jobs. This initiative is designed to bridge the current gap between citizen education and workforce needs in critical areas such as nursing, teachers, and public safety employees, benefiting both adult learners seeking career advancement and current students aiming to enter these high-demand fields.

Commissioner Moore moved to support and adopt the resolution of local educational attainment, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Polk County Skateboard Ordinance - Attorney Berg.

Attorney Berg read the resolution and formally presented the ordinance for approval. Commissioner Moore moved to approve the resolution and to adopt the ordinance as presented, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Resolution Urging NCDOT to Remedy Issues Along I-26 Grade - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman presented the proposed resolution stating that the many accidents on this particular section of I-26 have an impact on the safety of the community, as well as environmental concerns. The resolution offers direction

and asks for NCDOT to seek additional funding for updates to this section of I-26. Chairman Melton asked for consideration of a law for truckers to stop and wait five minutes before continuing down the grade.

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

11. Resolution Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans - Vice-Chairman Yoder requested this item be added to the agenda.

Vice-Chairman Yoder presented the resolution supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans.

Beginning November 6 - November 12th, the County will have multiple buildings shining green lights to show our support to these men and women. He urged County businesses, and residences to turn the County green to help show their support and care to veterans, and signal that we are here for them as they convert back into a normal lifestyle.

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

12. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on non-agenda items.

13. Volunteer Board Application(s)

- A. Applications for Consideration: Brian McCrodden - Appearance Commission, Robert F. Scruggs - Tryon Fire District Tax Commission.

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

14. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

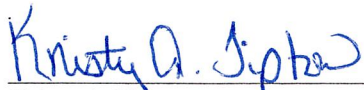
The Chairman and Commissioners collectively thanked those in attendance.

15. Adjournment

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

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF
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Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman