POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
November 20, 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 Overholt. Also in attendance were Manager Pittman, Clerk to the Board Kristy Tipton, media, and citizens. Absent: Commissioner Moore and Attorney Berg.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

2. Invocation - Commissioner Beiler.

3. Pledge of Allegiance - Vice-Chairman Yoder.

4. Approval of Agenda

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

   Manager Pittman requested an agenda item be added after non-agenda citizen comments, volunteer appointments to the Columbus Fire Department Board of Directors.

   Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.
   Absent: Moore

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

   A. Approval of November 6, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes.

   B. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 3:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice.

   C. Sheriffs Department Monthly Activity Report for October 2023.

   D. Tax Refund Request in the amount of $367.71.

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

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

   There were none.

7. Polk County High School Lady Volleyball Team, State 1A Champions - Aaron Greene, Polk County Schools Superintendent.

Mr. Greene introduced each member of the PCHS volleyball team along with their coaches as the Commissioners presented them each with a framed copy of the proclamation, a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes.Commissioner Beiler requested the Board to consider contributting funds in the future to aid in the purchase of a charter bus by Polk County Schools. The consensus of the Board agreed to his request. Chairman MElton then requested a consensus of the Board to errect signage acksnoledging the PCHS State Champions, the Board agreed.

8. U.S. Congressman Chuck Edwards.

Congressman Chuck Edwards congratulated the Lady Wolverine Volleyball Team on their state title. Chiarman Melton then read a resolution honoring Congressman Edwards and presented him with a framed copy. A copy of the resolution is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes.

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

A. Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund (NBPSCF) NC Education Lottery Requests - Pay application #5 on the Tryon Elementary PreK Addition Project.
Dr. Schweitzer said this request is for the Tryon Elementary PreK addition and is the 5th payment application from their contractor.
Commissioner Beiler moved to to approve the Distribution Request, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

B. Request to transfer $151,587 from the County's Capital Reserve Account to reimburse Polk County Schools for Capital Expenses.
Dr. Schweitzer said this request is to transfer $151,587 from the County's Capital Reserve account from sales tax set-aside from prior years to reimburse Polk County Schools for capital expenses paid this year. A detailed list was presented.
Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the budget amendment in the amount of $151,587, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

10. Vaya Health Medicaid Transformation Update - Angela L Garner Community Relations Regional Director Vaya Health.

Ms. Garner presented the annual update on services provided to Polk County a copy of which is hereby incorporated by reference into these minutes.

11. E911 Renovation Project Update and Construction Manager At Risk (CMAR) Contract approval with Harper Construction (A copy of the contract is available in the County Managers office.) - James R. Stumbo, President Stewart - Cooper - Newell Architects.

Mr. Stumbo said since receiveing approval to proceed with CMAR, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised. The applicants were reveiwed, interviewed and the terms were negotiated. Mr. Stumbo introduced Tim Lewis, from Harper General Contractors and recommended approving the contract for them to serve as the CMAR. Mr. Lewis thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve Polk County.
Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the contract with Hapre General Contractos, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

12. Turner Shoals Dam Update and GEI Agreement - Dave Odom, Odom Engineering PLLC.

Manager Pittman stated Mr. Odom was unable to attend tonights meeting. He presented the agreements for approval and said employing an engineering firm is the next step in beginning the construction precess for the dam project.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the agreement with GEI Consultants of North Carolina, P.C. (GEI) to provide engineering services for the Turner Shoals Dam not to exceed $120,000, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the agreement with GEI to provide field engineering and Quality Control Inspection Program (QCIP) support for the Turner Shoals Dam Modification project for $400,000, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

13. County Employee Compensatory Time Discussion - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman requested approval to pay out compensatory time accrued over the past year. He said by paying it now there will be a 5% cost savings. He siad the fund currently will come from each departments budget and not the general fund.Commissioner Beiler moved to pay out compensatory time as of 11/20/2023 out of exisitng departmental budgets and to give the County Manager authority to exempt those employees who choose to kep their compensatory time balance for future use, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

14. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There was one comment on non-agenda items.

A. Volunteer Board Appointments to the Columbus Fire Department Board of Directors - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman said two applications were received for the Columbus Fire Department Board of Directors. He said both applicants,Patrick Overholt and

Catherine Rogerson, are currently serving on the Board.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to appoint Patrick Overholt and Catherine Rogerson to the Columbus Fire Department Board of Directors, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

15. Commissioner Comment(s)

The Commissioners each thanked those in attendance and wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

16. Adjournment

Commissioner Beiler moved to adourn, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Moore

Attest:

Kristy A. Tipton

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Clerk to the Board

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