

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting
July 18, 2022 - 5:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building Columbus, NC
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

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

1. Public Hearing on the proposed Zoning Text Amendment.

A. Call to Order the Public Hearing - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public hearing was to take public comment on the proposed Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin. Cathy Ruth, Planner, presented information regarding the text amendment.

B. Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

C. Commissioner Comments.

There were no commissioner comments.

D. Adjourn the first Public Hearing.

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

2. Public Hearing on the proposed new road name.

A. Call to Order the Public Hearing - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public hearing was to take public comment on the proposed new road name, Horse Bit Trail. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

B. Citizen Comments.

There were no citizen comments.

C. Commissioner Comments.

There were no commissioner comments.

D. Adjourn the second Public Hearing.

Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn the Public Hearing, seconded by

Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

3. Call to Order the Regular Meeting - Chairman Melton.
4. Invocation- Commissioner Moore.
5. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Yoder.
6. Approval of Agenda

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

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

7. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Approval of June 20, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Sheriff Department Monthly Activity Report for May and June 2022.
 - C. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, August 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice.
 - D. Release uncollectable vehicle taxes of deceased persons in the amount of \$758.93.
 - E. Tax refund requests through June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$992.61
 - F. FY 2023 NCDOT Grant Certs & Assurances (app. approved 9/20/2021).
 - G. Declare IT equipment as surplus to be sold electronically through Govdeals.

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

8. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

9. Meals on Wheels Program Discussion - Josh Kennedy, HHSA Director and Dee O'Brien- Vice-Chairman Beiler requested this item be added to the agenda.

Josh Kennedy gave a presentation to give a brief overview of the Meals on Wheels Program, a copy of which is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference.

Dee O'Brien, a Meals on Wheels volunteer, then gave a testimonial on the

impacts of volunteering on her life and those she serves through the Meals on Wheels program. They both said there is a need for more volunteers, and anyone interested should contact the Polk County Senior Center.

10. Laughter Pond Forebay Project Contract Award - Warren Eadus and Joel Lenk, Quible and Associates, P.C.

Joel Lenk, Engineer with Quible and Associates, said that the Laughter Pond Forebay is used to keep sediment from the pond and is currently overflowing due to beaver dams, debris, and being full of sediment. He said the proposed project would include sediment and debris removal, on-site disposal, stabilization of removed sediment, and restoration of the forebay. Mr. Lenk noted the plan should allow for easier maintenance by county staff and volunteers to prevent excessive future build-up. In addition, it would improve the overall environment, beautification, and function of the existing forebay along the Laughter Pond greenway. He said at the June 7, 2021, Board of Commissioners meeting, he presented an opinion of cost based on an estimate he received and the Board approved moving forward with bidding the project. However, when they went out for bid in March 2022 and rebid in May 2022, the County only received one bid each time, and the lowest was from Stream Initiative LLC. Mr. Lenk said although the project cost has significantly increased, the County might have the opportunity to be reimbursed for some of the project costs from the Streamflow Rehabilitation Assistance Program (StRAP) grant funds the County was recently awarded.

Commissioner Moore moved to award the contract to Stream Initiative, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Yoder moved to amend the Project Budget Ordinance, increasing the amount to \$259,400, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Polk County Lifesaver Awards - Sheriff Tim Wright. Recipients are Deputy Austin Coggins, Lt. Tim Davis, and Sgt. Justin McDaniel.

Sheriff Wright presented Lifesaver Awards to the aforementioned officers for their quick response and treatment, which saved a patient's life, and for the continued assistance given to EMS once they arrived on the scene.

12. Request from Fire Chiefs Association for LUCAS Chest Compression Systems - Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director and Fire Marshall.

Mr. Arledge said the Fire Chief's Association has requested that the County purchase ten LUCAS devices. He explained these devices would provide quality, uninterrupted CPR for an extended period to benefit the patient's immediate care. He said each fire department and the rescue squad would receive one device, Polk County EMS would receive three, and each department would be responsible for its own maintenance and upkeep. Vice-Chairman Beiler asked about the lifespan of the device, to which Mr. Arledge replied approximately fifteen years. Commissioner Moore asked about training

for the LUCAS, and Mr. Arledge said minimal training is needed, and it would be conducted by current EMS staff Michael Crater and Jason Wilson.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to appropriate \$146,759 from the fund balance for the purchase of ten LUCAS Devices and to approve the purchase order from the state contracted vendor, Stryker Medical, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

13. New Polk County Road Name - Horse Bit Trail (off Manus Chapel Road in Green Creek Township) - Chairman Melton.

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve Horse Bit Trail as a new road name in Polk County, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

14. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to update the definition of Schools and to include the use in the Neighborhood Commercial (NC) Zoning District - Cathy Ruth, County Planner.

Cathy Ruth, Planning and Economic Development Director, confirmed that the Planning Board, with a unanimous vote agreed that the proposed text amendment was consistent with the 20/20 Vision Comprehensive Plan.

Commissioner Overholt moved to that the written recommendation of the Planning Board regarding Plan Consistency be made a part of the record of this proceeding. The Board of Commissioners find that the Zoning Ordinance text amendment is consistent with the 20/20 Vision Comprehensive Plan, adopted March 15, 2010, amended September 18, 2017, as indicated on the Planning Board's written recommendation. I further move to adopt the text amendments to the Zoning Ordinance effective this day, July 18, 2022, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

15. Designation of a voting delegate and alternate for the Annual Business Session on August 13, 2022, at 2:00 p.m to be held during the 115th Annual Conference of the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners in Cabarrus County.

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

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

16. Volunteer Board Application(s)

- A. Applications for consideration: Animal Control Board - Suzanne Crawford, Iain Fitch, and Kathryn Meyer. Appearance Commission - Gregory D. Miner.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the applicants as presented,

seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

17. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were none.

18. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

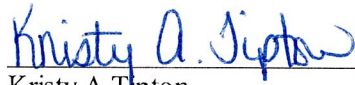
The Chairman and Commissioners collectively thanked the presenters and the public for attending the meeting.

19. Adjournment

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

Attest:

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS



Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman