

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
October 3, 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, and Commissioner Overholt. Also in attendance were County Manager Pittman, County Attorney Berg, Clerk to the Board Tipton, media, and citizens. Commissioner Yoder was absent.

1. Public Hearing

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 names, Piney Ridge Lane and Tar Heel Lane. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin. (The Public Hearing for Songbird Lane will be held at a later date.)

B. Citizen Comments.

There were no Citizen Comments.

C. Commissioner Comments.

There were no Commissioner Comments.

D. Adjourn Public Hearing.

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

Absent: Yoder

2. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

3. Invocation - Commissioner Moore.

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Yoder.

In Commissioner Yoder's absence, Vice-Chairman Beiler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Agenda

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

Chairman Melton asked that Item 10 be discussed before Item 8. Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Yoder

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

A. Approval of September 19, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes.

B. Tax refund requests through September 30 , 2022 in the amount of \$1,946.86.

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

Absent: Yoder

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

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

Angela Garner and Dr. Michael Zenn gave a presentation with updates on VAYA County Services and Opioid Litigation, a copy of which is hereby incorporated into these minutes by reference.

9. Recreation Department Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) Accessibility for Parks (AFP) Grant Application for Gibson Park Playground Equipment - Mickey Edwards, Maintenance and Recreation Director and Laura Baird, Recreation Coordinator.

Laura Baird, Recreation Coordinator gave a presentation detailing the proposed plans for Gibson Park, including ideas for future projects, that could potentially happen if awarded the PARTF AFP Grant. She said this application is specifically for the Gibson Park Playground Renovation which will meet the unique needs of children with physical and developmental disabilities. The total project cost is \$412,500, and the grant is a 1 to 5 match and if awarded would require a \$68,750 match from the County.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the grant application, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Absent: Yoder

10. Proclamation to declare October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Sandra Halford, Case Manager Steps to HOPE, Inc.

Diane Nelson, Executive Director and Cindy Wicklund, Program Coordinator for Steps to HOPE, Inc. read the proposed Proclamation asking that the Commissioners declare October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Polk County.

Commissioner Overholt moved to declare October 2022 as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried

unanimously.
Absent: Yoder

11. New Polk County Road Name - Piney Ridge Lane (Private Rd-Off of Piney Gate Rd. in Saluda Township) and Tar Heel Lane (Private Rd-off of SR1340 (Green Creek Dr.) in Green Creek Township) - Attorney Berg.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the new road names as presented, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Yoder

12. Volunteer Board Application(s)

A. Applications for consideration: Juvenile Crime Prevention Council - Kevin Blackwell, Lee Bradley, Ella Waldman (Student), Evan Jones (Student).

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

13. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

Eleven citizens spoke on non-agenda items.

14. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

The Commissioners thanked the public in attendance and those who commented. They stated they would consider signing the No-Build Alternative letter but are concerned it will result in 6-foot shoulders regardless. Commissioner Moore said he had to visit St. Luke's Hospital for an issue and commended them on the care he received there.

15. Adjournment

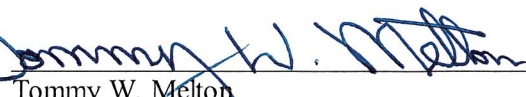
Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.
Absent: Yoder

Attest:

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Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman