

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
December 5, 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

A. Call to Order the Public Hearing - Chairman Melton. The purpose of the public hearing was to take public comment on the Polk County Community Transportation Program Application NCDOT Public Transportation Grant Request for Polk County Public Transit.

B. Citizen Comments.

There were none.

C. Commissioner Comments.

There were none.

D. Adjourn Public Hearing.

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

2. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

3. Invocation - Chairman Melton.

Pastor Timothy Fortune gave the invocation.

4. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Moore.

Mill Spring-Lake Lure Girl Scout Troop #10071 led the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Approval of Agenda.

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

Attorney Berg requested that the Sheriff's Bond be removed from Item 6(C) under the consent agenda and moved to agenda Item 8.

Commissioner Yoder moved to amend the agenda as requested, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- A. Approval of November 21, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes.
- B. Tax refund requests for November 16-30, 2022 in the amount of \$678.56.
- C. Annual Examination and approval of Public Official Bonds as required by § 58-72-20. (Bonds are available for review in the County Managers Office.)
- D. Schedule a public hearing for proposed new road names to be considered on Monday, December 19, 2022 at 3:00 pm in the R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice.
- E. Approve contract and budget amendment to appropriate fund balance in the amount of \$59,650 for the purchase of OpenGov Budgeting and Planning Software.
- F. Approval of Budget Amendment to appropriate Contingency in the amount \$10,600 for referral bonuses paid to date plus an estimate based on referrals the rest of the fiscal year.

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

7. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on Agenda Items.

8. Sheriffs Bond - Attorney Berg.

Attorney Berg asked for a motion to accept the bond amount of \$25,000 and the acceptance be contingent upon the county attorney's acceptance of the language contained within the bond, to meet the statutory requirements and that modification would have to be made within ten days.

Commissioner Yoder made the suggested motion, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

9. Foothills Humane Society Updates - JJ Sauve, Vice-President Foothills Humane Society Board.

JJ Sauve, Vice-President of the Foothills Humane Society Board gave a brief background of the shelter as well as an update on the services they provide for the county. He also announced the hiring of a new Executive Director, Kat Hamilton.

10. Polk County Community Transportation Program NCDOT Grant Application and Resolution - Josh Kennedy, HHSA Director.

Josh Kennedy, HHSA Director requested the approval of the FY 2024 Capital

Grant Application in the amount of \$312,575. He said a majority of the funds will be used for new vehicles and radio equipment.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the application and to adopt the FY 2024 Public Transportation Program Resolution, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Little White Oak Mountain Trail System Design/Build Firm recommendation - Mickey Edwards, Maintenance and Recreation Director and Laura Baird, Recreation Coordinator.

Laura Baird, Recreation Coordinator requested approval to contract with Trail Dynamics for the design and build of Little White Oak Mountain Bike Trail Network. She stated Trail Dynamics has been recommended based on a Qualification Based Selection due to their experience and local terrain knowledge.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the recommendation and to grant Manager Pittman signatory authority to sign the contract, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

12. County Employee Compensatory Time Discussion - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman recommended that the county pay out the comp time balance as they have done several years in a row. The payout amount as of the date of this meeting is \$168,183.

Commissioner Yoder moved to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$168,585, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

13. Senior Level Department Head Salary Adjustment - Vice-Chairman Beiler.

Vice-Chairman Beiler said at the last meeting we received fantastic audit report. He stated this is due to the top-notch department heads. He said on average the department heads have been working with Polk County for 12 years and that in today's job market, recruiting new managers is very difficult. He said he would like to take this step in order to retain our existing department managers and continue the outstanding work they have done and will continue to do in the future.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve a 5% salary increase for all executive-level department managers that directly report to the County Manager and our two elected officials, the Sheriff and the Register of Deeds, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

14. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were none.

15. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Yoder thanked Thompson Landscape Professionals and Jay's Lawn Service and Landscaping for the Christmas decorations of the County buildings.

16. Volunteer Board Application(s).

- A. Applications for Consideration: Noah Elisha Jackson - Juvenile Crime Prevention Council (JCPC).

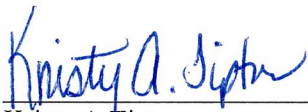
Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the applicant as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

17. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn.

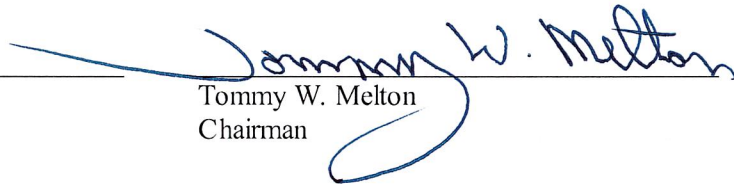
Commissioner Yoder moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman