

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
December 19, 2022 - 3:00 PM
R. Jay Foster Hall of Justice - Womack Building Columbus, NC
Columbus, NC
MINUTES

1. Polk County Employee Recognition Awards - Manager Pittman and Tommy Oakman, Human Resources Officer.

Manager Pittman and Tommy Oakman, HR Director distributed awards to the employees.

Roll Call

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

2. 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, Jackson Ridge Lane and Unity Lane. The public hearing was properly advertised in the Tryon Daily Bulletin.

B. Citizen Comments.

There were none.

C. Commissioner Comments.

There were none.

D. Adjourn Public Hearing.

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

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

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

Attorney Berg requested an addition to the agenda,Memorandum of

Agreement with Polk County Schools.

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

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

- A. Approval of December 5, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Meeting Minutes and December 5, 2022 Organizational Meeting Minutes.

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

8. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There were none.

9. Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control (SE&SC) Landfill Contract - Warren Eadus and Joel Lenk, Quible & Associates.

Mr. Eadus presented the contract to the Board. He said the SE & SC project was bid twice and both times only one bid was received. After reviewing the bid, he recommends awarding the contract to Stream Initiative in the amount of \$746,215. Mr. Eadus explained the project would be completed in phases over three fiscal years. He said phase one will begin this year with a cost of \$120,000.

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

Commissioner Overholt moved to approve the Project Budget Ordinance in the amount of \$746,215, seconded by Vice-Chairman Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Beiler moved to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$120,000 to appropriate funds for phase 1 of the project, seconded by Commissioner Overholt and the motion carried unanimously.

Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Polk County and Polk County Schools - Josh Kennedy, HHSA Director and Aaron Greene, Polk County Schools Superintendent.

Mr. Kennedy presented the MOA to the Board for approval. He said the agreement would allow two part-time transportation positions to move to full time positions, to be shared between Polk Transportation and the school system for transit driving and bus driving. The costs would be shared by Polk County and Polk County Schools. They feel this is an innovative way to help both areas which are in need of drivers.

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

10. New Polk County Road Names - Jackson Ridge Lane (off Glenn Court) in Cooper Gap Township and Unity Lane (off SR10536-Fox Mountain Rd.) in Columbus Township - Melissa O'Loughlin, Tax Administrator.

Vice-Chairman Yoder moved to approve the road names as presented, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.

11. Sheriff's Public Official Bond Update - Attorney Berg.

Attorney Berg updated the Board on the status of Sheriff Wright's Public Official Bond. She said that after review of other county's bonds and conferring with other county attorneys, all public official bonds use similar language. She is confident this bonds language is sufficient.

12. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There were none.

13. Volunteer Board Application(s)

- A. Applications for Consideration: Erica Shanks - Recreation Advisory Board. Cheryl Judge-Decker, Sofia Lilly, Will Salley, Mark Wilson - Agricultural Advisory Board.

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

14. Chairman and Commissioner Comments.

The Chairman and Commissioners collectively thanked the Polk County Employees and were encouraged to see all of the employees invested in the county and the family like relationships between employees. They wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

15. Closed Session

- A. Motion to go into closed session for the purpose of attorney client privilege.

Commissioner Moore moved to go into closed session for the purpose of attorney-client privilege, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

- B. Motion to return to open session.

Commissioner Moore moved to return to open session, seconded by

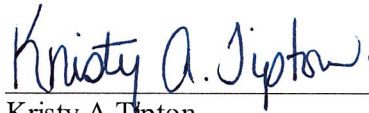
Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

16. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn.

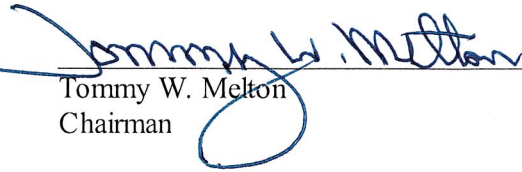
Commissioner Overholt moved to adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman