

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Budget Work Session Meeting
May 16, 2022 - 1:00 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, Clerk to the Board Tipton, media, and citizens. Attorney Berg was absent.

1. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.

2. Scheduled Departments (Tab #8, Manager Recommended Budget Detail)

A. Public Schools

Aaron Greene, Superintendent of Polk County Schools, addressed the Board of Commissioners and requested no changes to the recommended budget. He did thank the Board for the continued special appropriation and for allowing them to spend it where it is most needed.

B. Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Wright reviewed all the departments he is responsible for. He explained the slight increases are due to overall price increases in food, provisions, equipment, and services. Sheriff Wright said there is also an increase for training.

C. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Michael Crater, EMS Director, gave a brief review of his department and said they still have ten open positions they have been unable to fill. He requested no changes to the recommended budget.

D. Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA)

Joshua Kennedy, HHSA Director, reviewed all the departments he is responsible for. He stated that there will be slight increases across all departments due to the rising cost of fuel and supplies, etc. He stated they hope to have grant funds coming in to help offset those costs.

3. Other Departments or Agencies

A. Fire and Rescue Advisory Committee (FRAC) discussion - Bobby Arledge.

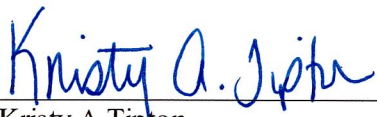
Bobby Arledge, Emergency Management Director presented the recommendations made by the FRAC which include a .03 cent increase for Tryon Fire Department, a .02 cent increase for Green Creek Fire Department, and a .007 cent increase for Saluda Fire Department. After a detailed discussion, it was the consensus of the Board to set a precedent to only grant a maximum of a .02 cent increase. Therefore Tryon Fire Department would drop down to .02, Green Creek would stay at .02 and Saluda would stay at .007.

4. Adjournment

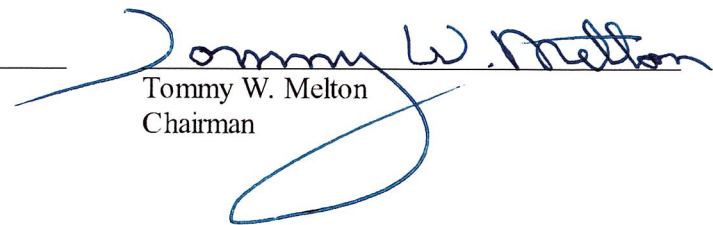
Commissioner Moore moved to adjourn, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Kristy A Tipton
Clerk to the Board



Tommy W. Melton
Chairman