

POLK COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Agenda
May 16, 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. Call to Order - Chairman Melton.
2. Invocation - Vice- Chairman Beiler
3. Pledge of Allegiance - Commissioner Overholt
4. Approval of Agenda
 - A. Items may be added or removed at this time.

Vice-Chairman Beiler moved to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Commissioner Moore and the motion carried unanimously.
5. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda.
 - A. Approval of May 2, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes and May 9, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes.
 - B. Tax refund requests through May 16, 2022 in the amount of \$1,386.41.
 - C. Vaya Health Quarterly Financial Reports for the period ending March 31,2022.
 - D. Sheriff Department Monthly Activity Report for April 2022.
 - E. Amend Law Enforcement Complex Project Budget Ordinance to increase by interest earned for needs at complex.
 - F. Recreation Department Budget Amendment for Gibson Park Playground Equipment.
 - G. HHSA (Public Health) Budget Amendment to increase revenue and expense for a grant from Henderson County.

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

6. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on agenda items.

7. North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Project Updates - Gary Gardner, Chief Engineer, NC Wildlife Resources Commission (Presenting by Zoom)

Gary Gardner, Chief Engineer NC Wildlife Resource Commission presented an update. He said that after dredging an additional 500 feet the dredging project at Lake Adger Marina is complete. He said the original plan was to dredge 6800 cubic yards but actually dredged 10,194 cubic yards at a cost of \$1.1 million. The County had applied for and received the DEQ Dredge Grant for a \$257,950 reimbursement to offset that cost. He said the sedimentation was used to create new wetlands in one of the coves and that plant vegetation would be planted there in the fall.

He then gave a brief update on the Big Bradley Falls Project. He said the site is completely closed for construction and they are making great progress and should be completed next month.

8. Turner Shoals Dam Update - David Odom, Odom Engineering, PLLLC

David Odom, Odom Engineer gave a brief update on Turner Shoals Dam. He said GEI Consultants whom they are working with on this project, as of last week have completed the design report that includes stability calculations, drawings, and specifications and has been submitted to NCDEQ for review and approval. Mr. Odom said the next phase is to await comments from NCDEQ and then a response. Once that is completed and approval is received the bid process will begin. He expects the review process to take approximately six months, which would put the beginning of the bid process around January 2023.

9. EMS Budget Amendment to Increase Capital from Salaries for the purchase of assorted equipment - Michael Crater, EMS Director.

Michael Crater, EMS Director requested a budget amendment in the amount of \$179,150. He said that with the employment positions still open he would like to move those excess funds in salaries to capital. He said this will provide much-needed purchases for the department, including a remount of an ambulance, the purchase of an additional UTV, radio equipment for the new ambulance, two power load stretchers, a LUCAS chest compression system, and other miscellaneous equipment, and office needs.

Commissioner Moore moved to approve the budget amendment in the amount of \$179,150, seconded by Commissioner Yoder and the motion carried unanimously.

10. Budget Work Session Discussion - Manager Pittman.

Manager Pittman reported the Commissioners held their first Budget Work Session earlier today and completed their preliminary review. He recommended the cancelation of the May 17, 2022, Budget Work Session Meeting.

Commissioner Yoder moved to cancel the May 17, 2022, Work Session Meeting, seconded by Vice-Chairman Beiler and the motion .

11. Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items.

There was one citizen comment on Non- Agenda items.

12. Commissioner Comment(s)

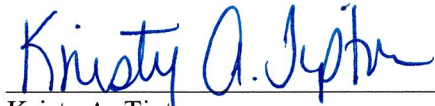
The Commissioners collectively thanked everyone in attendance. They also thanked the County Manager and Finance Department for their hard work preparing the FY 22/23 Budget. They are all proud that even with inflation and rising gas prices that there will not be a real property rate tax increase for Polk County Government Operations.

13. 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